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COUNCIL TAX TO RISE BY 3.85%

Authority says budget will maintain front-line services despite financial challenges

Report by **Henry James**

COUNCIL Tax bills in the borough are set to rise by 3.85% after West Lancs Council revealed its budget for the year ahead.

A Conservative group proposal to freeze Council Tax was defeated, while Our West Lancashire expressed disappointment about measures relating to climate and the environment.

Following the announcement, council chiefs said they were "working hard to meet financial challenges and provide the services local people need."

They claimed that during the last 10 years the borough council had shown "great financial prudence and innovation" to generate additional income and savings worth more than 30% of its budget in the face of reductions in government funding

And they said a new 'Sustainable Organisation Review' has built on that "sound financial work" and is now being implemented to help the council become self-financing over the next three years.

It is claimed this will generate income, efficiencies and savings worth £1.9 million a year while helping to change to a new neighbourhood approach to providing many services.

And the council said this new structure has enabled it to set a budget which will maintain frontline services while investing in the following projects:

- Increased funding for the planting of new trees.
- More electric car charging points in the borough.
- Replacement litter bins for those in poor condition and additional litter bins to be installed in areas of high usage.
- Educational programmes regarding litter.
- More funding for play area improvements.
- Extra funding to promote Ormskirk Market.

Councillor Adam Yates, cabinet member for transformation and resources, said: "The council has done well to meet the financial challenges it has faced.

"We are working to become self-financing in the future and we will continue to manage our finances well to ensure we can maintain frontline services and fund important new initiatives for the people of the borough."

Councillor Adam Yates

The Council Tax for West Lancashire Borough Council, for the Government-designated 'average' Band D property in 2020/21 will be £208.39 per year, or around £4.01 a week. However, most of the properties in the borough are designated Band A or B and so will pay less than this.

Around 11% of the Council Tax goes to the borough council. The total Council Tax includes charges from Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and Lancashire Constabulary. The Council Tax for some areas will also include a parish council precept.

The bills for 'average' Band D properties, excluding parish council precepts, are as follows with last year's figures and the percentage change in brackets:

West Lancs Borough Council - £208.39 (£203.39 +2.46%).
Lancs County Council - £1,400.32 (£1,346.59 + 3.99%).
Lancs Combined Fire Authority - £70.86 (£69.48 +1.99%).
Lancs Police Authority - £211.45 (£201.45 + 4.96%).
Total - £1,891.02 (£1,820.91 +3.85%).

Labour used their majority to vote down a Conservative proposal to freeze Council Tax.

Conservative group leader, Councillor David Westley, said: "We presented an alternative budget that was fully costed and vetted by the

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Skelmersdale Walk-in Centre

Walk-in centre closes for two day clean as part of coronavirus safety precaution

SKELMERSDALE Walk-in Centre was closed on Monday and Tuesday last week (February 24 and 25) to undergo a clean-up in line with the national guidance on precautions to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

The work has now been completed and the centre, based within the Concourse shopping centre, is open as normal.

Director of integration and transformation at the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Jackie Moran, said: "The walk-in centre in Skelmersdale was required to temporarily close to enable a clean of the centre as a routine precautionary measure in line with national guidance.

"The clean is now complete and the walk-in centre is reopen to patients.

"We apologise for any inconvenience that may have been caused. Safety is our priority and we have been working with our providers, Virgin Care and public health teams to make sure there is no risk to staff and patients."

The advice to the public is to call NHS 111 if they suspect they have coronavirus and avoid going to a healthcare setting unless it is an emergency.

They should stay indoors and avoid contact with other people.

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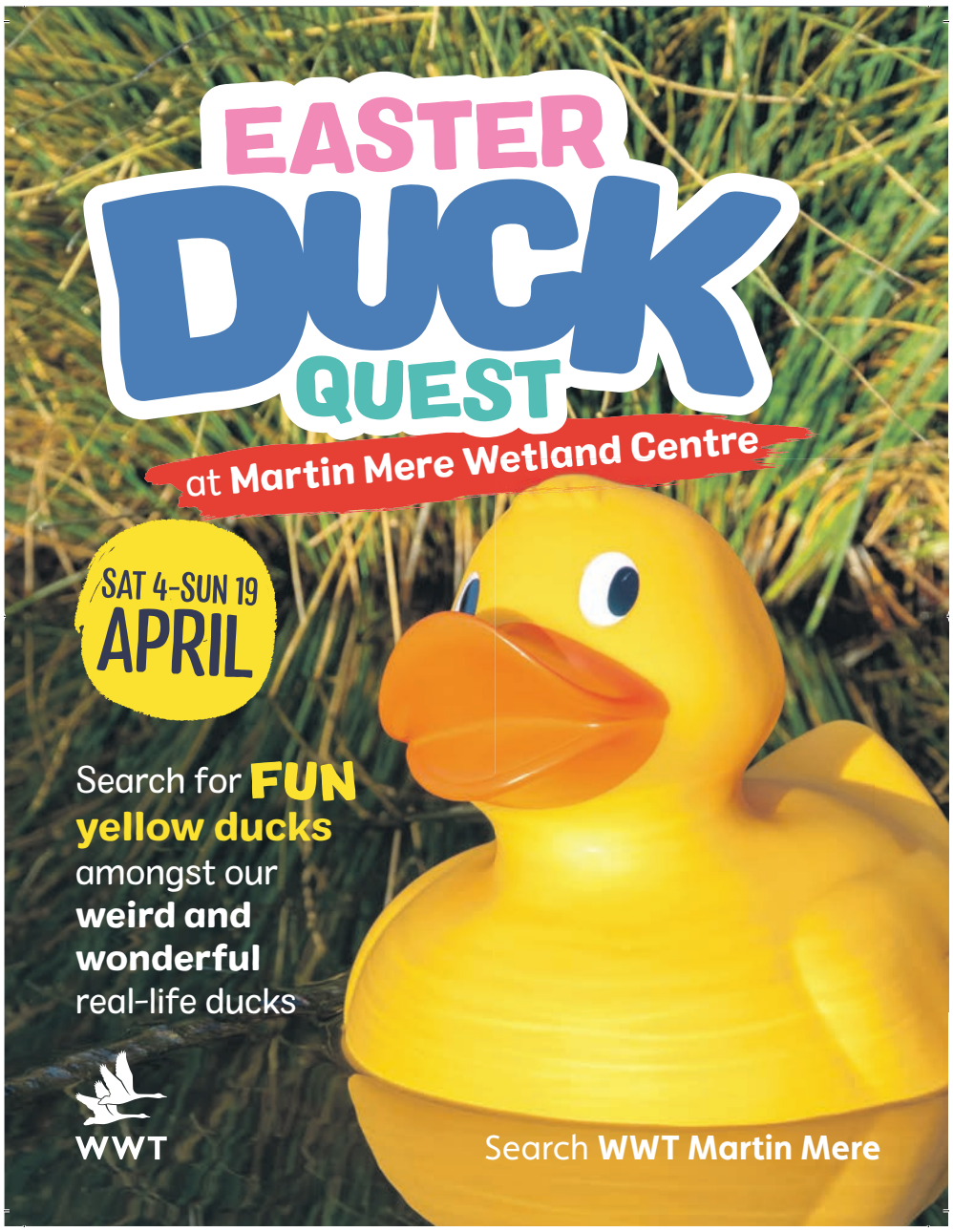

Edge Hill shortlisted for coveted Northern University of Year title

EDGE Hill has been shortlisted for the coveted title of University of the Year in this year's Educate North Awards, which celebrate the finest work in higher and further education in the region.

The Ormskirk university is one of only two institutions put forward for the accolade and the winner will be announced on Thursday, April 23 at Manchester's Hilton Deansgate Hotel when some of the leading figures in the region's educational sector get together to celebrate.

Edge Hill officials say the university's rapid growth and development is a Northern success story in itself - and one that they believe will continue to develop and grow.

And they say being shortlisted is recognition of the exceptional progress the university has made in the past 12 months in achieving its ambitions of investing, innovating and genuinely putting students at the heart of everything it does.

Edge Hill vice-chancellor Dr John Cater says the university is a "significant Northern success story."

Vice-chancellor, Dr John Cater, said: "Many universities say they put students first, Edge Hill puts this ethos into action. Bold, innovative and high-impact initiatives, such as our Student Journey Project and Student Opportunity Fund, are totally committed to the quality of the student experience, and student and graduate employability.

"The physical development of our campus is driven by student needs as we strive to create the best possible environment for learning and living. And we go further, ensuring where possible that research projects, public engagement and knowledge exchange work advantages students too.

"That focus on students benefits everyone - the students themselves, employers who recruit capable and confident graduates, and people whose lives are enriched with our alumni within a wide range of fields including education, health and social care, business, the professions and creative industries. With 82% of our 91,000 alumni living and working here this is a significant Northern success story."

Guest of honour on the awards' night will be Speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Lindsay Hoyle.

Countryside charity shining a light on soil...

THE Lancashire branch of countryside charity the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) is hosting a free event on the importance of healthy soil at Ormskirk Civic Hall on Saturday, March 21.

Local vegetable farmer Chris Molyneux will talk about his journey to more sustainable farming and healthier soils and Helen Greaves from University College London will share insights into soil management from her latest research into farmland pond restoration.

Entitled 'Shining A light On Soil', the event starts at 2.30pm and is expected to last two hours. Tickets are free but booking is essential. For more information email info@cprelancashire.org.uk or phone 01772 378831

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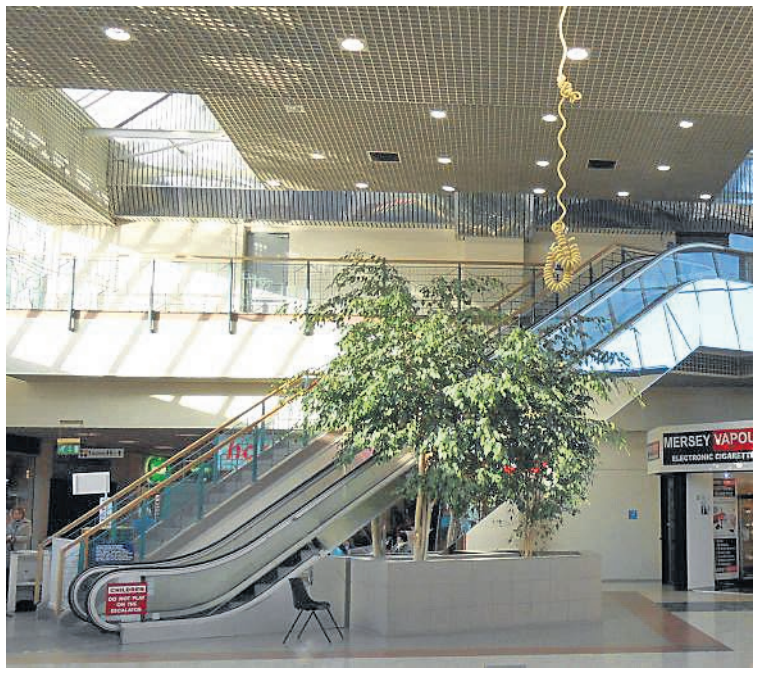

The Concourse shopping centre in Skelmersdale (above) and one of the escalators at the centre (above right)

Furious shoppers say escalator has been out action for a month - and 'nothing has been done'

Report by **Henry James**

CONCOURSE shoppers have been claiming that bosses are not investing enough money into the Skelmersdale centre after an escalator at the site has been out of action for more than a month.

They added when they went last week a lift was not working, and they claimed another escalator was travelling too quickly.

The shopper, who did not want to be named, said: "For more than a month the escalator from the market to the card shop has been out of order. Nothing has been done about it.

"The lift near Domino's was broken, and we reported it to the manager's office.

"We were there for three hours and no-one bothered to fix it. It had a notice at the top which said out of service.

"Also the escalator at the front of the centre was going down so quickly a pensioner was scared to use it. Three people had to help them on to it."

The shopper who uses the Concourse twice a week added: "I have been told that they can't get a part that they need for the escalator.

"I have been going there about 30 to 40 years.

"I have noticed recently that the centre needs investment."

Gary Mitchell, manager of the Concourse Centre, responded: "The passenger lift stopped working on Friday due to a fault and Concept Elevators attended at about midday on Saturday to carry out repairs, returning the lift into service within a couple of hours.

"At the pram ramp escalator, adjacent to Cex, we were instructed by Schindler, our escalator contractor, to switch it off due to a couple of damaged steps.

"Because they are not a standard size, the replacement steps are being made to order and we expect these to arrive and be installed in the next couple of weeks.

"We apologise for any inconvenience to our customers in the meantime.

"If anyone has any issues travelling between the floors, please contact a member of the management or security teams, who will be only too happy to help."

Mr Mitchell said the escalators are serviced every month by Schindler, inspected twice yearly by Zurich Insurance engineers, and are audited annually to ensure they run how they should do.

He also noted that the escalators are all set to a fixed speed.

Police advise against approaching this man

DETECTIVES have released a photograph and details of a man they want to speak to following the discharge of a firearm in Skelmersdale.

Police were called at shortly after 6pm on Friday, February 28 to a report that a shotgun had been fired outside an address in Feltons in the town.

Although no-one was injured, officers are appealing for witnesses and following enquiries are seeking to speak to 29-year-old Richard Shacklady (*pictured, right*) in connection with the incident.

Shacklady is described as white with a slim to medium build and 6ft tall with short, light-brown hair. He has tattoos on his neck and right arm and a sleeve tattoo on his left arm.

As well as Skelmersdale, he has links to Merseyside, Wigan and Standish.

Detective Sergeant Pete Reil, of South CID, said: "While we believe this was a targeted incident we are treating it extremely seriously as it is only a matter of good fortune that no-one was seriously hurt.

"I would appeal to anyone who saw anything suspicious on Friday evening to get in touch and I would urge anyone who knows where Richard Shacklady is, or who sees him, to contact us.

"I would also ask Richard himself to come forward if he sees this appeal so that we can speak with him."

Any members of the public who see Shacklady are advised not to approach him but to contact police on 101 quoting log 1130 of February 28 or independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. For immediate sightings dial 999.

Borough Council Tax bills are set to rise by 3.85%

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borough treasurer, proposed a Council Tax freeze and still preserved the important front-line services.

"Labour always put up Council Tax by the maximum permitted by the Government.

Over the last five years they have hiked up Council Tax bills by a massive 15%.

"However, I must acknowledge there was a constructive dialogue and debate between the Conservative and Labour groups at the meeting of the full council and this resulted in a couple of Conservative proposals being adopted to the approved budget and capital programme.

"These changes included an increase in the funding for the council's free tree scheme.

"This was in marked contrast to the contribution from Our West Lancashire who failed to make any contribution to the debate and then refused to vote for a tax freeze.

"Owl were strongly criticised by both the main parties for failing to participate in the democratic process when they announced that they were refusing to publish their budget proposals at the meeting on social media. Presumably they did so to avoid scrutiny and debate."

Councillor Adrian Owens

Commenting on the budget, leader of Our West Lancashire, Councillor Adrian Owens said: "Our budget was fully costed and verified by council officers.

"It provided improvements to waste collection services; tackling litter; reviving Ormskirk town centre and its market; starting a further regeneration scheme in Skelmersdale; fighting back against speculative developers and addressing climate and the environment.

"These are over and above the Labour council proposals or in some cases were absent altogether from their budget.

"We will highlight all of these policies in the coming weeks and publish our budget online. "We were disappointed at the scale of measures agreed by the council relating to climate and the environment.

"Our proposals included £1 million this year for additional energy efficiency works to council houses; electric vehicle charging points at 11 locations around the borough including three in Ormskirk town centre car parks; a doubling of the free tree scheme; and a grant scheme for hedge re-planting and a community woodland.

"There is a limit to what can be achieved in one year's budget but our pragmatic proposals would have brought tangible benefits."

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Participants at this year's Workout-Athon in aid of Rainbow Hub.

'Workout-Athon' on course to raise £5,000-plus in aid of Rainbow Hub

MORE than 100 people took part in a fun exercise session organised to raise money for children and young people's charity, Rainbow Hub.

The sixth annual Workout-Athon, held at Preston North End Football Club, involved three hours of energetic, varied workouts including 'Metafit'; 'Legs, bums and tums'; 'Zumba'; 'Rockbox', and 'Les Mills Body Combat and Body Attack'.

Organisers say when all the money is collected the event will have raised more than £5,000 for the Mawdesley-based charity Rainbow Hub which supports children and young people with physical and neurological disabilities.

There was also a raffle and all participants left with a small goodie bag.

The classes were all taken by qualified fitness instructors who gave up their time for this event

Chief executive of Rainbow Hub, Carole Cochrane, said: "This fantastic event has been growing each year and we were delighted there was such a great turnout.

"It was lots of fun and our thanks go to those who took part and our supporters and Preston North End Football Club for allowing us to use their facilities.

"We were also extremely grateful to those who gave up their time to help - the instructors, Ultrasec, Rebecca Haywood of RH Photography and Kat Nelson, part of our fundraising team, who organises the event so well, takes part and still finds the energy to work!"

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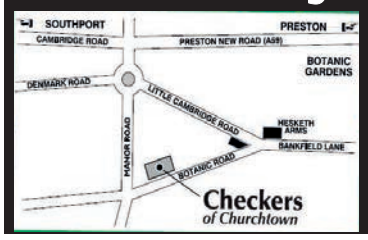

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Sweet Stall staff set up 'safe zone' for children at shopping centre

Report by **Henry James**

STAFF at the Sweet Stall in the Concourse have set up a 'child safety zone' at the shop to offer any youngsters who are lost, scared or find themselves in trouble or danger, a safe place to go.

They launched the initiative a couple of weeks ago as they are always being approached by customers asking if it is OK to tell their children that if they are lost or need any help when they are in the shopping centre that they can make their way to the unit - obviously a popular spot with younger shoppers!

Owner of the stall, Paul Davies, said: "At the Sweet Stall we offer a safe place to wait and even offer our phone to make a phone call to someone important if needed.

"We also liaise with the shopping centre's security team, who would be contacted straight away to work with us to assist anyone in need until any further help arrives.

Sweet Stall owner Paul Davies and staff member Lucy Ross

Response

"We are fully DBS checked and well known throughout Skelmersdale having built up an amazing relationship with a lot of people over the 10 years of trading in the centre.

"Even though we have specified children's safety, we also offer any help to anyone else in need and are always ready to help in any way possible."

Paul and his wife, Laura, have two children of their own, eight-year-old Bobbie and three-year-old Paddy, so are well aware of the worries of parenthood.

"My wife Laura and myself know how worrying it is keeping children safe. Also with the worry of recent tragic events in Skelmersdale, we feel this could help parents have peace of mind knowing their children have a safe place to go if any circumstances arise."

Paul also praised his staff and commented: "We have an amazing team here at the Sweet Stall comprising of Paul, Laura, Sue and Lucy.

"The response has been unbelievable on social media, having reached more than 29,000 people, and we have also been receiving a lot of messages on our Facebook page and also customers coming in to the Sweet Stall to thank us for doing this.

"We have asked all parents to make their children familiar with our signs around the Sweet Stall and on social media so they know we are there to help them in any way we can.

"We would like to thank everyone for their kind comments and everyone who has shown support for what we have done.

"Hopefully we are never needed and the shopping centre continues to be a safe place but we are always here for anyone needing any support in any way if we are."

Winning Blue Peter Badge makes it a red letter day for music lover Joel!

A YOUNGSTER from Skelmersdale is 'over the moon' after being awarded a coveted Blue Peter badge for music. Ten-year-old Joel Morley received the sought-after recognition for writing about his love of music.

The youngster contacted the BBC himself filled in a form and wrote about music and the Artz Centre in Skelmersdale, where he studies musical theatre and performing arts.

Proud mum, Katie, said: "Joel is over the moon to have been awarded a Blue Peter badge. The Artz Centre is somewhere where he says, 'I can just be myself'. It's great that this centre is on our doorstep inspiring kids.

"His dream is to be on the West End in musicals. He's been at the Artz Centre for the past 12 months and played a principal role in Aladdin. He loves it, he was also part of the ensemble in Elf The Musical.

Joel with his Blue Peter badge.

"The Artz Centre is such a wonderful place to help nurture his passion and Joel has also taken up graded drama there - which he does after completing a 5k parkrun every Saturday morning!"

Young viewers of the long-running show are awarded Blue Peter badges for achieving something of merit.

Pupils at St James' Catholic Primary get to know author Mark Sanders and Monty the dog.

Primary school pupils enjoy visit by author - and his four-legged friend

CHILDREN'S author Mark Sanders visited St James' Catholic Primary School in Ashurst, along with his pet dog, Monty, which features in his stories.

Year 4 teacher, Miss Wright, said: "Mark's visit gave the children the opportunity to meet a real-life author, listen to him read some of his stories and ask him any question that they may have.

"It was a wonderful experience and great way to promote the love of reading in our school."

Care home staff who took part in the Dementia Friends session at Sutton Grange display their certificates.

Care home staff sign up to Dementia Friends scheme

STAFF from care homes in West Lancs and Southport are now 'Dementia Friends' after undertaking a group session with local Dementia Champion, Joe Sherville.

Joe is a volunteer with the Alzheimer's Society who has dedicated himself to changing people's perceptions of the condition.

He held his most recent Dementia Friends session at Sutton Grange Care Home in Southport for staff there and from other homes including Elm House and Alma Green Residential Care Home in Skelmersdale and Courtfield Lodge in Ormskirk.

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Owl spectacular on Martin Mere's nature reserve

Owls are incredibly specialised birds of prey. Their round heads and flat dished faces, with forward-facing eyes make them well adapted to hunting their typical prey of frogs, insects, mice and other small mammals. Most are nocturnal or crepuscular (active at dawn and dusk), but some may be seen by day. Martin Mere is a great place to see a wide variety of owls – you could see up to 4 species in one day. You can watch barn owls hunting over the fields, tawny owls sat high up in the trees being shouted at by blackbirds, a little owl sat on top of the barn looking for prey or a short-eared owls soaring overhead.

At Martin Mere we have 5 barn owl boxes spread across the site. In 2019, 3 of the boxes were used and 3 pairs of barn owls fledged 8 chicks. Barn owls can have up to 3 broods in a good year and sometimes fledge chicks in December. The female will sit in the nest box for up to 4 weeks being fed by the male as she tests him to make sure he's a good provider and there is enough food around before she will lay her first egg. Perhaps the most recognisable British owl, the barn owl will sometimes hunt in the daytime and can be seen hunting over farmland and grassland. They have exceptional hearing and can find prey by sound alone.

Our Reserve Team collects up barn owl pellets (owl vomit) and analyse what they have been feeding on. We mainly find the undigested fur and bones of short tailed field voles, which is their favourite food. On our reserve, we keep the grass long and full of tussocks in some of our fields which creates a perfect habitat for the field voles to breed, providing lots of food for the barn owls. The best place to see the barn owls at Martin Mere is in Long Meadow Barn, which you can see from the Reedbed Walk, and hunting over the fields from the Ron Barker Hide.

We also have four tawny owl boxes on site and in 2019, two pairs of tawny owl bred and fledged 4 chicks between them. They are early nesters and often the females are sitting on eggs in February. The males either sit in the entrance of the nest box keeping watch, or they sit in a nearby tree and sleep. Tawny owls have a more varied diet feeding on small birds, small mammals and frogs. The female tawny owls make a "Twit" call and the males make the "Hoooot" call to create the well-known "twit-twoo" sound associated with owls. At Martin Mere, the best places to see the tawny owls is either in the entrance hole of the nest box by the Janet Kear Hide, or sat in the ivy covered tree by the Kingfisher Hide.

We also have little owls on site. They breed in the dilapidated barn in Langley's field which is visible from the public footpath. They are mainly seen at dawn and dusk, often sat on top of the barn scoping the area for food. They feed on beetles, slugs and earthworms.

Short-eared owls are a rare visitor to Martin Mere. They can be seen annually hunting over the short grassland. Short-eared owls employ a hunting technique known as "quartering", which consists of a mixture of flapping, gliding and hovering low over grassland to locate their prey of small mammals or birds. These owls are very well camouflaged and have bright yellow eyes and small tufts of feathers on the top of its head, which is how it got its name.

We run bat and barn owl nights throughout spring and summer, allowing visitors exclusive access to the site, for a guided tour of owl hot spots on the reserve. Seeing an owl is a fantastic experience and one that many of our visitors enjoy. Check our website to book your ticket to one of these wonderful events.

Visit the web site www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere to find out what's on the reserve at the moment as well as all the upcoming events

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Lynda Brady, pro vice-chancellor of Edge Hill University, addressing the Skelmersdale Ambassadors event.

Ambassadors' efforts to boost local economy highlighted at university event

BUSINESS leaders from across Lancashire pledged their commitment to working together to shape the future success of the local economy at a Skelmersdale Ambassadors event hosted at Edge Hill University.

Organisers said that the business breakfast on the Ormskirk campus saw "real passion and commitment" from both public and private sector partners to build on the great relationships in place to boost growth and create a thriving economy.

During the event, the university's Productivity and Innovation Centre highlighted the significant progress that Lancashire businesses had made since completing the Innovation Sprint Programme offered by Edge Hill - designed to help companies develop new strategies for profitable growth.

Professor Simon Bolton, associate dean for Enterprise, Skills and Employability, said: "We're proud that we have supported 99 Lancashire SMEs (small and medium-sized enterprises) and those who have been sticking to their action plan have been able to go on to achieve between 22% and 40% growth, which is a huge achievement. Some businesses we have helped have been able to create new job opportunities, which is boosting the local economy."

Legacy Project launched

At the event, the Skelmersdale Ambassadors were able to highlight their work in bringing together the knowledge, networks, passion and determination of local businesses, organisations and individuals as a powerful force of good.

Other speakers at the event included Steve Fogg, chairman of the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and managing director of Shared Services at BAE Systems, who talked about his role and ambitions to grow the economic fortunes of Lancashire.

He said: "The LEP needs to steer inclusive growth and to do that we have to be aspirational and visionary. Driving forward culture, inclusion and collaboration will help us to do some fantastic things and to be able to make a difference."

Steve Fogg, (left) chairman of the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership and MD of Shared Services at BAE Systems, talked about his ambitions for the Lancashire economy.

Skelmersdale's new Legacy Project, an internship for young adults with additional needs, was also officially launched at the event by Katie Whitehead, managing director of Divine Days CIC.

And Ian Gamester talked about the exciting 'Skem I Love You' film project to celebrate the amazing things about the town and its people.

Embedding best practice management is a key element of business productivity and growth, and Edge Hill's Business School flagged up at the event how they offer a range of fully-funded Chartered Management Institute (CMI) courses to the employees of Lancashire SMEs, designed to build leadership and management capabilities. The courses are short and offered through a flexible delivery model, created with the busy professional in mind. For more information, visit www.edge-hill.ac.uk/e3i/supporting-business/professional-learning-and-development/.

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Tanhouse Morris Dancers troupe to receive share of police commissioner's Community Action Fund

Report by **Henry James**

THE Tanhouse Morris Dancers troupe in Skelmersdale is one of 11 community projects across the county, which have received a share of more than £25,000 of funding - recovered from criminals - from the Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner's Community Action Fund.

The selected schemes will deliver projects with support from the fund which provides small grants of up to £3,000 to tackle local concerns which meet commissioner Clive Grunshaw's Police and Crime Plan priorities.

Community groups are able to bid for funding to deliver projects that tackle crime and reoffending, build safe, confident communities and support vulnerable people and victims of crime in the county.

The commissioner regularly visits Community Action Funded-projects to see first-hand the difference that they make across Lancashire.

The fund is set to close to new applications for 2019/20 on Friday, March13.

Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw.

Following the announcement of the latest Community Action Fund grants, Mr Grunshaw said: "We continue to see a really positive response to the Community Action Fund, with great ideas around making our local areas better places to live and work. Local groups often have the best ideas around what would work and what's needed where they operate, and it's fantastic to be able to support this work up and down the county.

"They deliver great value for money for relatively small investment, help me to achieve the key priorities in my Police and Crime Plan and ultimately, help make Lancashire a safer and better place.

"Providing grants with money recovered from proceeds of crime in this way, removing funds from those who seek to blight our communities and using it to strengthen them, sends a clear signal about the type of place that Lancashire is and recognises the positive role that the various community organisations up and down the county play."

The commissioner also encouraged other groups to apply ahead of the 2019/20 deadline, adding: "We have funded some fantastic projects since the fund reopened last year and I'm keen for as many groups as possible to apply before the deadline next week.

"I'm delighted that this year we are able to provide more funding through my Community Action Fund than ever before, available to invest in our neighbourhoods. I would encourage them to visit my website to find the criteria and get in touch if you need more information."

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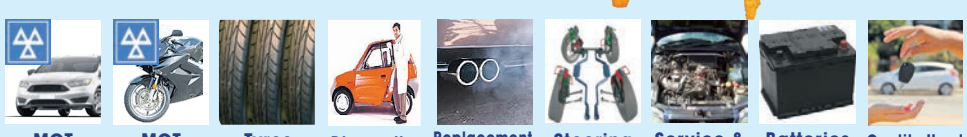

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Members of public welcome to attend CCG's Primary Care Commissioning Committee meeting

THE NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) will hold their next Primary Care Commissioning Committee meeting in public in the boardroom of Hilldale on the Ormskirk Hospital site on Tuesday, March 10, from 1.30 to 3pm.

The local health commissioners have responsibility of commissioning primary care services locally in West Lancashire and lead on decisions of how funding is allocated.

Members of the local community are welcome to observe the Primary Care Commissioning Committee meeting.

The agenda will be published on the CCG's website, www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk/, one week before the meeting.

Questions relating to items on the agenda can be raised by contacting the secretary to the board directly on 01695 588 144 by noon on Monday, March 9.

Printed copies of the papers are available on request for those without access to the Internet.

Questions submitted in advance related to the agenda will be discussed at the start of the meeting. The CCG on occasion may need to respond to the question following the closure of the meeting.

Following the conclusion of the Primary Care Commissioning Committee meeting, there may also be an opportunity for members of the public and other attendees to have an informal discussion with some of the committee members, time permitting.

If members of the local community have general questions that do not relate to that specific meeting's agenda and therefore cannot be answered at this meeting, they can still raise their question by contacting the CCG by email wlccg.myview@nhs.net or calling 01695 588 000.

To avoid conflicts of interest, the committee does not offer any local GPs voting rights.

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Homeowners 'treated unfairly and misled' over leasehold properties

Report by **Tom Martin**

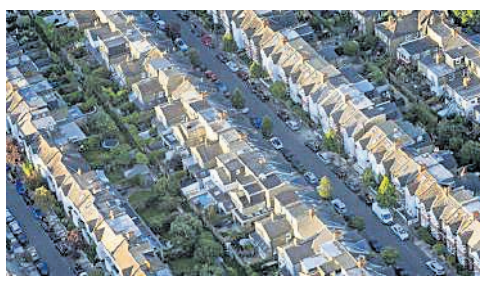
LEASEHOLD homeowners have been "unfairly treated and misled" by housing firms, according to an investigation by the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA).

A CMA probe found a string of "worrying evidence" that developers are selling leasehold houses leaving residents "trarpped." This includes deliberately not explaining the terms of leasehold properties and a failure to give clear information on how ground rents will escalate over time.

The CMA also confirmed they will seek legal advice to take action against housing firms who they believe have broken consumer protection law.

Thousands of houses in the North West have been sold as leasehold. The Champion has published a number of articles over the years from residents about escalating ground rent and how housing firms "sell off" freehold rights to third party companies, who then significantly increase the cost.

Others have revealed how they have to pay a fee just to ask permission for minor house alterations, such as changing the carpets, or even getting a pet.



There are thousands of leasehold properties in the North West.

The CMA findings will be of interest not just to those looking to buy a leasehold home, but also anyone who has already purchased one as the authority is calling for a change in the law and refunds for anyone already affected.

CMA chief executive, Andrea Coscelli, said: "We have found worrying evidence that people who buy leasehold properties are being misled and taken advantage of. Buying a home is one of the most important and expensive investments you can make and you want to feel secure and happy. But for thousands of leasehold homeowners, this is not the case.

"We'll be looking carefully at the problems we've found, which include escalating ground rents and misleading information, and will be taking our own enforcement action directly in the sector shortly."

The CMA legal challenge could force housing firms to sign commitments to change how they do business. If they fail to make the required changes, the CMA could take action through the courts.

A spokesperson for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government said the Government has taken more action to stop unfair leasehold practices - including reducing ground rents to a peppercorn and banning the sale of new leasehold houses. "But we know more needs to be done to support leaseholders and the CMA report echoes our commitment to bring forward legislation to reduce ground rents to zero in future."

The CMA is developing consumer advice for people who own, or are looking to buy, a leasehold property, offering tips on what they can do when faced with permission fees and service charges they consider unjustified.

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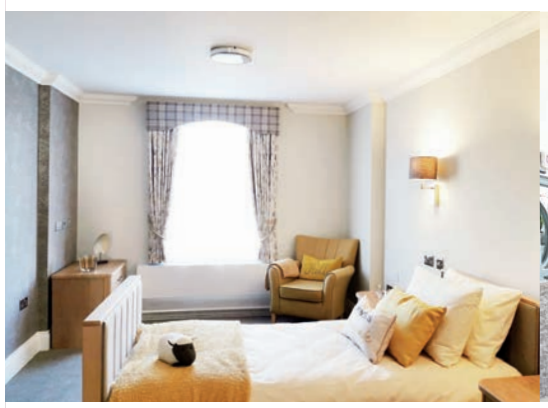

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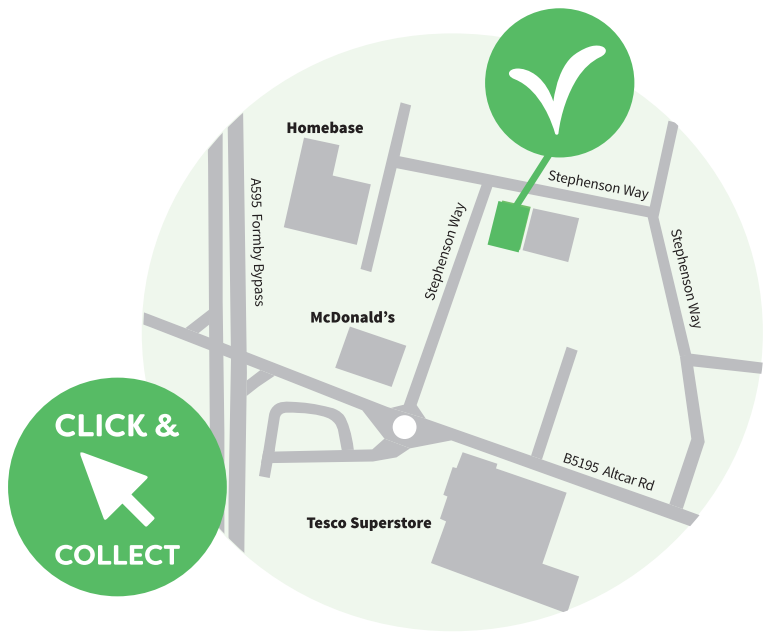

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Warning to patients about 'unseen consequences' of registering with online GPs based out of area

MP urges constituents to beware after man has appointment transport withdrawn at last minute

Report by **Henry James**

ROSIE Cooper is warning patients in the borough who choose to register with online GPs based outside the area that they risk losing out on certain support from West Lancashire CCG or the North West Ambulance Service (NWAS).

The CCG does not represent or work with outside online practices as its partners are all West Lancashire-based GPs.

Ms Cooper was contacted by a constituent who reported that he had his NWAS transport provision to a referral appointment in Chorley cancelled at the last minute when it was identified that his online GP was registered in London and so West Lancs CCG refused to cover the cost of the transfer.

The West Lancs MP said: "This highlights the unexplained difficulties with an online GP and one which has meant that an important medical appointment may have been missed by the patient and cost the NHS money due to internal financial policies.

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper has called for a review of policy on provision of ambulance transfers.

"The Secretary of State should remedy these deficiencies or ensure that there is a duty to explain the consequences of an online or out of area GP service.

"West Lancashire CCG should not be denying support to residents who exercise their right to choose to access their GP provision elsewhere, be it online or otherwise, particularly when registering with a GP app is widely promoted by Health Secretary Matt Hancock.

Effects

"Patients should, however, consider this unforeseen effect before choosing to move. "I have written to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, who has been an advocate of this type of online GP system, to ask how he plans to mitigate the effects or at the very least ensure they are made clear to patients before they do move.

"I have also written to West Lancashire CCG to ask that they review this policy on provision of ambulance transfers and whether it serves the best interests of residents and patients in West Lancashire."

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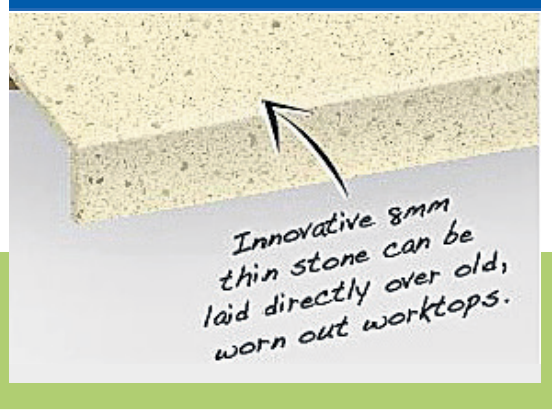

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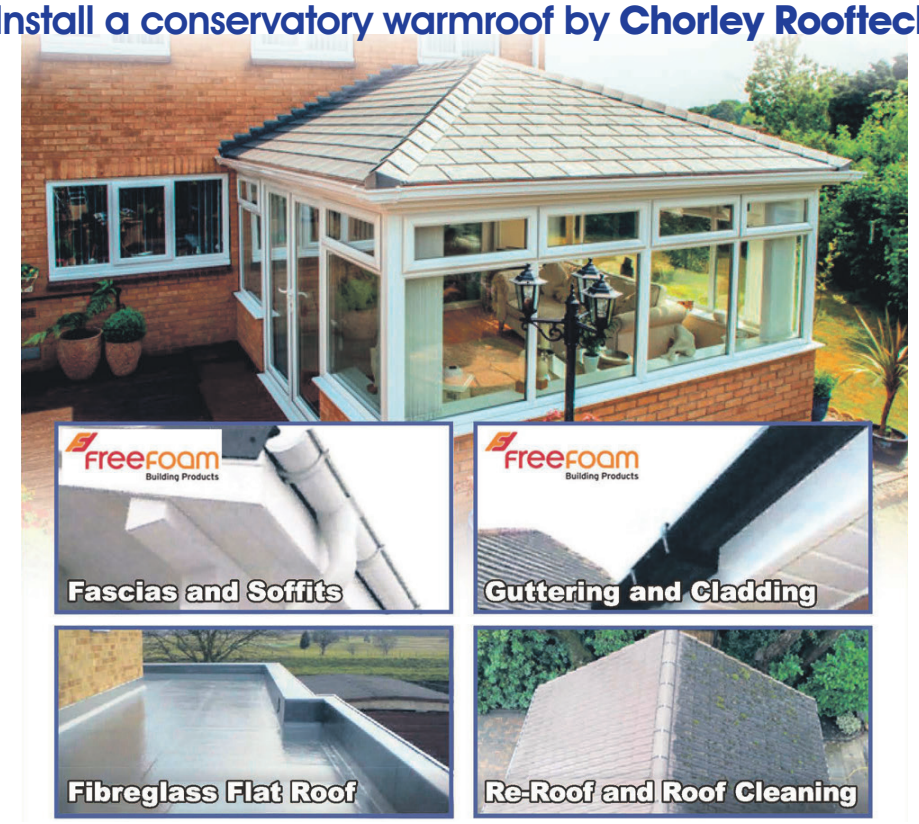

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Plans for Aldi store and offices on former restaurant site set to get green light

Report by **Kenny Parker**

The former Bay Leaf restaurant site in Tarleton which Aldi and GBA Services want to demolish and redevelop.

PLANS for a new Aldi store and offices in Tarleton look set to be given the green light after members of West Lancs Council's planning committee handed the decision to a council officer who has already recommended approval.

The application, submitted on behalf of the German discount supermarket giant and GBA Services Ltd, is to demolish the now derelict Bay Leaf restaurant, on Liverpool Road, south of Tarleton village, and build a retail space, a car park and two-storey offices.

GBA Services Ltd., which would occupy the office space, is a local company currently operating from Moss Lane, Tarleton.

The council has received more than 240 representations from "neighbours and interested parties" both for and against the proposals, including an objection from the Co-operative Group, which has a food store in Tarleton.

West Lancashire Conservation Area Advisory Panel also opposed the plans. Parts of the Bay Leaf restaurant, formerly the Rams Head Inn, date back to the 17th century.

However, a heritage statement provided to the planning committee, said that losing the building would be of "minor relevance", because of unsympathetic additions and alterations to it.

The authority's corporate director of place and community, Heidi McDougall, recommended approval of the application saying that while the development would have an impact on the openness of the Green Belt and result in the loss of a heritage asset, the harm was outweighed by the environmental, social and economic benefits.

Ms McDougall noted that the current site is in a poor state of repair and the visual aspect will be improved by the plans.

She also noted that Aldi has said it will create 30 to 50 jobs and GBA Services is committed to employing local people and taking part in the school leavers apprentice programme.

The planning committee met to discuss the application on Thursday, February 20 when they delegated the decision to grant planning permission to Ms McDougall "in consultation with the chairman or vice-chairman of the planning committee, subject to the Secretary of State raising no objection."

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Most pupils in county allocated preferred secondary schools

95% of applications completed online

LANCASHIRE County Council has confirmed that the vast majority of pupils in the county will be going to one of their preferred schools or academies in September.

Figures for secondary school admissions show that 95.3% have been successful with one of three preferences.

83.6% will get their first preference, 8.6% will go to their second choice and 3.1% will attend their third preference meaning just 4.7% have been allocated places at other schools.

The authority says that the number receiving preferred places is likely to rise as appeals are heard and other adjustments are made.

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "Waiting to find out which secondary school you've been allocated can be an anxious time, for both parents and children. I have first-hand experience of this, so I know exactly how parents feel at this time.

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson.

"I'm pleased to know that 95.3% will be getting one of their three preferences and 83.6% have their first preference. Importantly, every pupil whose application was received on time has been allocated a secondary school place.

"School places are allocated fairly and objectively, and every application is agreed upon using the criteria which have been agreed for that school.

"Our admissions team do a good job advising parents how to use their preferences wisely, and what to do if they are unhappy with the place they've got. There's still a lot of movement with the allocation of school places between now and September."

This year 95% of parents overall chose to complete their application online.

Parents will receive details about who to contact for advice and information on school admissions and appeals in the offer letter or email they receive. Appeals will be heard during the summer term.

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SCI consultation phone number

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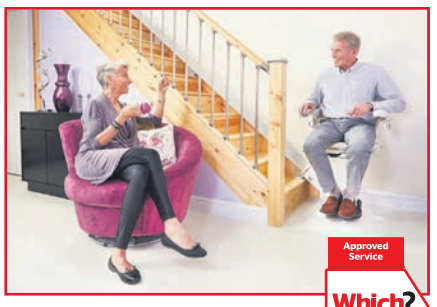

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Mushroom factory's new jobs will come at huge environmental cost

RE: New jobs and the proposed Scarisbrick mushroom 'factory'. At a time of near full employment one has to wonder where the labour for these new jobs will be sourced.

Evidence given to Commons Select Committees by the UK's major mushroom growers has shown that jobs are filled by migrant labour - British workers simply don't want the kind of work involved. I have personally been in conversation with directors of Smithy Mushrooms who confirmed that labour will be sourced from Thailand.

These jobs come at a huge environmental cost. The agricultural land in question is classified as 'best and most versatile.' It is land that will grow virtually anything with yields that are typically high with least external input.

Such land constitutes only 16% of all agricultural land in the country and is a valuable national resource, particularly as issues of food security and food mileage come to the fore.

The growing of mushrooms is independent of soil as a growth medium. In fact, soil contains micro-organisms that are detrimental to the growth of mushrooms with the consequence that soil is stripped away and replaced by hardstanding such as concrete. The land can never be returned to traditional agricultural production which continues to provide many of the basics of our diet (vegan or otherwise).

These include grain products, potatoes, and the wide variety of vegetables sold in Tesco and other supermarkets up and down the country. This is not to mention the benefits of agricultural land as a carbon store, habitat for wildlife, and buffer against flooding.

The proposed facility will cover 17,500 square metres, which does not include provision for access roads, car parking for 58 vehicles, HGV loading and unloading bays, and a lorry park. This is significantly bigger than some of the distribution facilities seen along the M62 at Warrington and I'm told will be only the first phase of the development.

I, like many Scarisbrick residents, am not against the expansion of Smithy Mushrooms' business. However, would it not be better suited to an existing commercial location where it would also benefit from better transport links? Why should our prime agricultural land be sacrificed in this way?

Yes, by all means grow mushrooms to satisfy the current demand - but not at the expense of such a versatile and valuable natural resource.

Surely the lesson of the last weeks and months is that we cannot continue to assault our natural environment and expect to get away with it.

John Herbert, Scarisbrick.

Why would anybody want to replace Green Belt land with hectares of concrete?

WHY would anybody want to destroy grade one Green Belt agricultural soil and replace it with six hectares of concrete? That's the first phase of the development with two more to follow at a later date.

The council should allocate a more suitable brownfield site with suitable road networks and motorway access which could better accommodate a project of this size.

There have been more than 400 objections so far as local people in Scarisbrick and surrounding areas are against this development being built there.

It will affect people's quality of lives with the increase in HGV traffic going to and from the development, also the construction of this factory will cause major problems on our small country roads. Since the development of Ringtail Retail park and the new housing developments our roads are becoming more congested.

Just consider the residents who live on Heatons Bridge Road and surrounding areas having to put up with 24-hour disturbance and noise, light pollution, environmental pollution, not to mention the destruction of wildlife.

Six hectares and more of concrete is going to cause a lot of flooding in surrounding areas and damage local farming businesses.

Who in their right mind would want to live next to one of the biggest proposed mushroom industry sites in the UK? Definitely not the residents of Scarisbrick!

Janet Murphy, by email.

PICTURE of the week

READER Gavin Jones from Burscough took this photo on an early evening stroll, before the recent storms, along the Leeds-Liverpool Canal towpath at Crabtree Lane moorings looking towards the Slipway Inn.
If you would like to submit a photo to be considered for the Champion's Picture of the Week slot, you can simply email it to us, as a J-peg attachment, to editorial@champnews.com. Please remember to include your name and the area where you live, along with brief caption details to accompany your photograph. Although we are unable to publish all photos submitted for favour of publication, we do acknowledge and very much appreciate your contributions

Removing greenfield sites to deliver more plant-based food is counter productive

AS a Scarisbrick resident who knows the proposed site well, I am writing in opposition to the proposed expansion of Smithy Mushrooms.

The business case for the expansion hinges on the surge in demand for plant-based meals, a trend which I personally wholeheartedly support. A switch to plant-based eating is one significant way that individuals can take action to reduce their impact on the environment, something that is increasingly urgent as we witness more intense climate events and oversee a potential collapse of the biodiversity that we all rely on.

However, expanding the capacity to deliver more plant-based meals by removing greenfield sites and eradicating the biodiversity on that site, is counter-productive.

While modern farming practices have indeed reduced the biodiversity in the area from that which it once was, the proposed site is still acknowledged as having importance, particularly as part of the broader foraging area for over wintering whooper swans and pink-footed geese.

It would be cynical to accept the total removal of the site that still supports wildlife and which could be returned to its more diverse past, in the pursuit of profiting off the back of a positive food trend that seeks to establish more harmony between humans and the way we live off the land.

I am fully in support of bringing more jobs to the area and for Scarisbrick to be leading the way in supplying plant-based meals. However, those who know the area well, know that there are multiple brownfield sites in the near vicinity that would benefit from the new development and would be better serviced by existing infrastructure, such as the local industrial park that already supports multiple local enterprises.

Becci Marsden, by email.

We all have a moral obligation to change our lifestyles to help tackle global warming crisis

IN reply to David Palin (Letters, February 26) although Europe, North America, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Korea etc. might produce smaller quantities of CO2 today, it was the 'West' where the Industrial Revolution started.

The 'West' has contributed more CO2 to the atmosphere over the last 250 years than China is producing today.

Therefore the 'West' has a moral obligation to tackle the global warming crisis. That includes the UK where the Industrial Revolution started.

Life is going to have to change in order to tackle global warming.

That means everyone must 'do their bit'. - that involves flying less (taking the train to destinations in western Europe for instance); driving less (walking and cycling more); changing the method your house is heated from gas/oil to electricity and ground/air-sourced heat pumps; and photovoltaic solar panels on all roofs.

Central government, the travel industry etc. have a major role and responsibility in facilitating this change which, unfortunately, to date has been patently lacking.

Why are new houses still being heated by fossil fuels and the travel industry still promoting flying for instance?

Building regulations could have been changed without any need for primary legislation years ago to implement the method new houses are heated.

So, tackling the global warming crisis seriously involves everyone changing. I know changing lifestyles is difficult but it needs to be done.

Dermot O'Hara, Aughton.

Lack of choice has driven me to online grocery shopping!

AFTER years of resisting online grocery shopping I have finally succumbed.

I didn't want to and I don't know who is at fault, but the fact is if you live in Skelmersdale and want to take advantage of supermarket competition there isn't much alternative.

Having bought a smokeless grill (online because not on sale locally) I looked at steak prices. Skelmersdale's only major supermarket compares very poorly to one of Ormskirks and the price of delivery can be cheaper than price of transporting myself.

So, once again, I think it necessary to point out to the faceless powers-that-be that Skelmersdale needs to attract the big players. It's ridiculous that a town with a near-40,000 population has so few shopping amenities, not to mention restaurants and sporting facilities.

David Symons, by email

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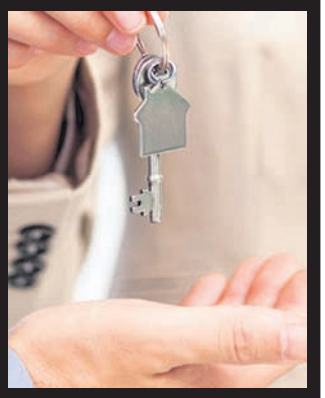

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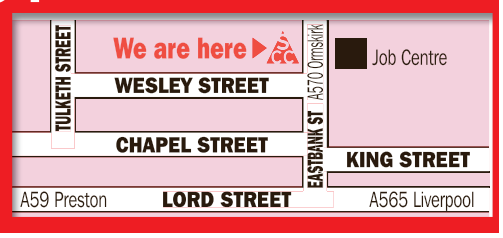

Village library Friends to host five-day event exploring local heritage

THE Friends of Parbold Library are hosting a five-day event at the venue on The Common celebrating the village's heritage.

Running from Tuesday to Saturday, March 10 to 14, it will feature exhibitions of photographs of Parbold and surrounding areas, past and present from the library's collection and also from Burscough photographer Mike Dawson's private collection.

There will also be 'listening posts' where visitors can hear interviews with Parbold residents made by Mark Dowding for The Lancashire Society's project, *The Noise We Mek!* 10 years ago.

And a resident artist will be composing a painting of Parbold past and present which will eventually be on permanent display in the library.

The timetable of events on the various days is as follows:

Tuesday, March 10 from 2pm Paul Mackenzie will talk about his days on the railway and singing some of his own songs.

Wednesday, March 11 from 10am Colin and Carol Wareing from The Wool Boat will be demonstrating canal crafts, and Maggi Huyton will be demonstrating the traditional craft of 'Rag-Rugging.'

Thursday, March 12 from 1.30pm Martin Jones will tell the story of Newburgh blacksmith, John Westhead - 'The Man Who Shod War Horses.'

Friday, March 13 from 2pm local historian Judith Dawber will give a talk on Parbold complete with a collection of photographs and documents for visitors to peruse.

Parbold Library

Saturday, March 14 from 10am the Newburgh Ladies Clog Morris team will be dancing at the library to round off the event.

All events are free to attend and the Friends of Parbold Library will be on hand throughout the week to assist visitors.

Meanwhile staff at the library are asking anyone who has any old and new photographs of the village that they would be willing to lend to be scanned for the archive to enable a 'Timeline of Parbold in Photographs' to be created.

It is also hoped that people of all ages will be willing to have their memories of living in Parbold recorded to add to the library's spoken archive.

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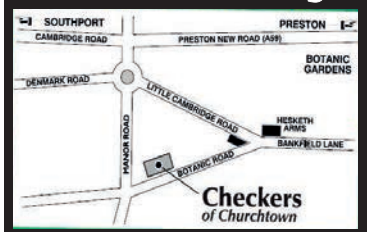

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Stroke victim resolves to tackle 5k challenge for charity that set her on road to recovery

A MUM who suffered a stroke aged just 27 is set to tackle Liverpool's 'Resolution Run' to raise funds for charity.

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The course features 1k and 5k loops that runners can alternate between to complete their own personal challenge up to 15k.

Nurse Lydia Johnson, 29, from Hesketh Bank, who is tackling the 5k route, explained what happened when she realised she had suffered a stroke. "I felt ill whilst at work with a bad headache and dizziness but as a migraine sufferer, I thought I just needed to get home, take some pain relief and rest in a dark quiet room.

"But then my speech became jumbled and I had severe left-sided head pain, loss of vision and was struggling to communicate."

The following day, Lydia went to A&E and following a CT scan and an assessment, she was given the devastating news that she'd suffered a stroke!

Lydia Johnson

"Although my stroke has had little impact on my abilities and independence, it has had quite a significant impact on my psychological health. Physically I can struggle with fatigue and shortness of breath at times, as well as pins and needles to my affected side.

"I am just very thankful I am well supported, especially by my husband, and we have had our first child, daughter Norah who is now nine months old.

"My family and friends are also a great support and I have found comfort in my Christian faith too and support from church.

"I will be so proud to do the Resolution Run as a stroke survivor and I hope to raise at least £250 for the Stroke Association to help other survivors to rebuild their lives. Thanks to the association and its website I realised I wasn't alone in my experience as a younger person.

"Training is going well and I am building up my running again, mostly at the gym at the moment until the weather improves. I'm also trying to get my body back in shape following pregnancy."

Regional fundraiser at the Stroke Association, Hannah Traynor, added: "Stroke recovery is a marathon not a sprint and each recovery is as individual as each survivor. That's why we're encouraging people to join our Resolution Run as an opportunity to mark a milestone in your own recovery, show your support for a friend or family member affected by stroke, or in memory of a loved one.

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Playgroups

Playgroups offer care for your child several times a week usually, for a morning or an afternoon, and work in conjunction with the Early Years Foundation Stage.
They can help your child to interact and start learning at an age where they are too young to go to school.

Private day nurseries

These are open from Monday to Friday and can look after your child between the hours of 7.30am – 6.00pm.
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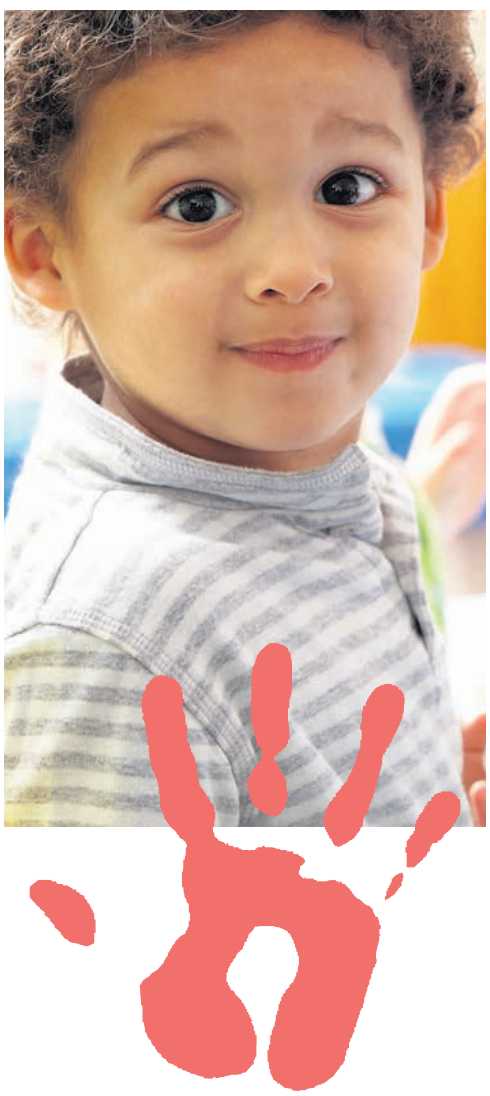

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St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

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- ✓ Free breakfast club for 3 year olds upwards from 7:45 - 8:45am
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Questions to ask childcare providers

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- Safety – what happens in an emergency?
- Are the premises secure (can strangers get in)?
- What training and experience do the carers have?
- How does the provider report safety incidents to parents?
- Do the carers know first aid?
- What is the staff 's view on discipline?
- What activities are on offer?
- What happens if you are late picking up your child?
- What food is provided and is it healthy?
- Who can you talk to about your child's progress?
- Be sure to know what happens if your child becomes ill?

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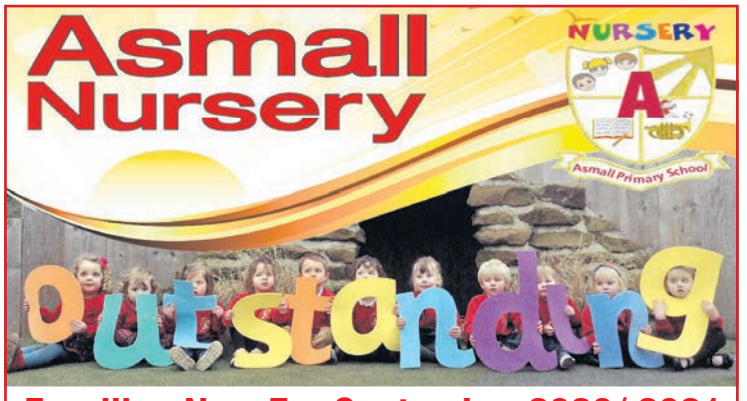

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Which childcare is best for you?

With so many parents both working full time these days the issue of childcare is a major one.

There are several options available but choosing the right one for your family can sometimes be a difficult task. Before you make a decision...

- Give yourself plenty of time to choose. Holiday play schemes and other seasonal childcare service can booked up well in advance.
- Make appointments to visit two or three providers to compare what's on offer. This will allow you to look at the services available and chat to the staff.
- Always consider your child in your decision, even if they are far too young to make a choice themselves. Where do you think they would prefer?
- Ask other parents for their suggestions and recommendations.
- Check opening times, holiday dates and, most importantly, costs.

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- ✔ Option of having a school lunch.

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A.M. & P.M. sessions
8:30am - 11:30am
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Date announced for final Anfield service in memory of victims of Hillsborough disaster

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The last public service held at the ground was in 2016 but it will return on Wednesday, April 15 so people can commemorate the lives of the 96 supporters who died in the tragedy.

The service will commence at 2.45pm. A minute's silence will be observed at 3.06pm and the service will conclude at around 3.45pm with the singing of You'll Never Walk Alone.

Margaret Aspinall, chair of the Hillsborough Family Support Group, said: "The 31st Hillsborough memorial service will be the last service ever to be held at Anfield stadium, which was a decision made by the families after much consideration. The families of the 96 will continue to remember their loved ones each and every day as well as in their own way on the anniversary.

"To enable us to plan accordingly for the service we would urge you to obtain your ticket as early as possible and we have put a closing date of Tuesday, March 31. Please only request a ticket if you plan on attending the service to avoid disappointing other people who wish to attend."

Tickets are available for free at www.liverpoolfc.com/tickets or the ticket office at Anfield. Alternatively, call the club on 0151 264 2500.

Members and guests of Maghull & Aughton Rotary Club at their annual presentation evening.

Rotary Club's 'thank-you' night for local supporters

MEMBERS and officials of the Rotary Club of Maghull & Aughton were joined by leaders of local community groups at their annual presentation evening at Maghull Town Hall

The event was an opportunity for the Rotary Club to say a big 'thank-you' to the various organisations for their help with the annual Christmas Float collection.

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Saturday 4 April - 7.30pm

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Thursday 9 April - 7.30pm

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DARKSIDE - THE PINK FLOYD TRIBUTE

Saturday 18 April - 7.30pm

This fantastic band will play tracks from Pink Floyd's massive back-catalogue.

Tickets from £20

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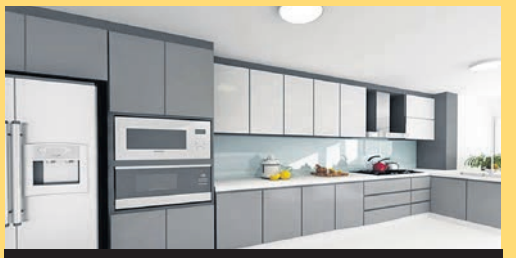

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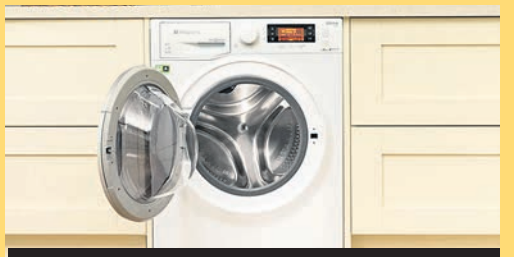

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Freedom of speech can mean saying things others disagree with

YOU may have noticed in recent weeks, or indeed months, that I have talked about buses, trains, my childhood, but have tended to steer well clear of the stories that have filled the news.

And that is largely because I am reluctant to get mired into the so-called 'free speech' argument.

Now I am fortunate indeed not to be connected to the so-called social media and so probably would not see first hand at least my name and whatever beliefs I might sincerely hold being besmirched as 'unacceptable' along no doubt with calls for my immediate sacking and for me to be cast into that underworld of ignorant if not totally evil outcasts who refuse to see sense.

How could I, for instance, talk about gender change - when even previously respected feminists are being derided and refused a platform simply because they do not conform to the right-on views of extremists?

I gave up trying to express my views on Brexit because, again, anything that contradicted the raucous views of those who thought that anyone who didn't agree with them would lead to attacks on my intellect if not my sanity.

I listened to a radio discussion about the curtailment or otherwise of so-called 'free speech' last night in which one 'anti' reckoned that giving a platform to right-wing extremists was very dangerous. And she was right! Just as giving a platform to Marxists or racists can be very dangerous.

But this worthy woman was surely missing the point. The vast majority of folk who value free speech not only in the media but also in everyday life would wholeheartedly agree that anything spoken (or written for that matter) which actively encourages violence should indeed be suppressed.

But that does not mean that you should not be able to say, for instance, that you are not keen on a particular view (whether or not it happens to be flavour of the month). Nor that you cannot express considered views on immigration or the political leanings your government should be taking, or indeed for instance the rights and wrongs of abortion on request. And in particular, why should (usually a small pressure group) such as a students' union, be allowed to ban a speaker simply because 'they' know better and do not want their fellows to be exposed to any opposing view?

I know that here I am in danger of running into all kinds of trouble, but it seems to me that the list of things you are never supposed to question, either in print or on TV and radio, is getting longer almost day by day.

My personal view is that it was indeed far more healthy when you could wander down to the Pier Head in Liverpool and listen (usually not for long because a lot of it was codswallop) to someone who thought he had something to say standing on a soap box and declaiming, usually to an audience who had a few minutes to waste while waiting for the next ferry to Birkenhead or Seacombe. I really shouldn't think he made much of an impression on the views of his shifting audience - but at least he was allowed to put forward his often cranky opinions and probably felt the better for it. Better surely than being arrested for expressing views not necessarily those accepted by most people?

Anyway, having got that off my chest next week (if I am still here to say anything) I'll possibly tell you of how my dad acquired a hare or possibly of my one appearance on the stage at the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall.

I should be fairly safe with those two - though perhaps not with the hare. Or I might even come up with something non-controversial but hopefully interesting.

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Pun-tastic! New mobile libraries hit the road with catchy new names chosen by the public

THE Borrowers, Chitty Chitty Book Book and the Hardbacks of Notre Van are the 'pun-tastic' names chosen by the public to adorn the first three of Lancashire County's six new mobile libraries which will be based at Ormskirk, Clayton Green and Garstang.

The authority's library service asked the county's literature lovers to choose their most popular names from a specially compiled shortlist earlier this month with more than 2,000 votes received in total.

The six-strong mobile library fleet is being totally replaced, with the remaining three vehicles expected to go into action later in the year.

County Councillor Peter Buckley, cabinet member for community and cultural services, said: "People certainly got involved with this and joined in the fun to choose their favourites - we even received many more name suggestions as well. We are grateful for these, and we'll include some of them in the shortlist when we compile that for names for the other three vehicles.

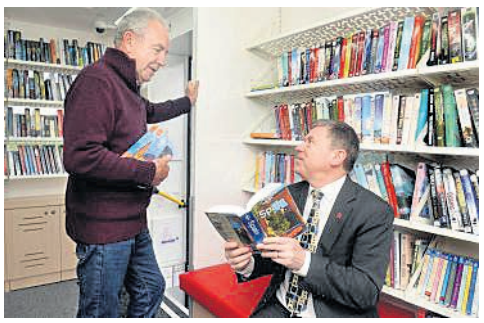
"I'm hoping that people will spot the new vehicles with their catchy names and smile. Hopefully this will prompt them to step inside and visit.

"We've invested more than £800k in these new vehicles which demonstrates our commitment to this service.

"We know how much the mobile library service is valued by our customers, and in the last year alone nearly 113,000 books have been borrowed from our mobile libraries.

"They provide an important facility to some of the most rural parts of Lancashire, giving people the chance to borrow, renew or order books."

Between them, the county council's six operational mobile libraries make a total of 778 stops in communities across the county.



County Councillor Peter Buckley (right) and library officer, Mike Fletcher inside one of the new mobile libraries.

They carry a wide range of books to suit all tastes and the titles are changed regularly, with new ones being added frequently.

Books can also be ordered, just the same as in a static library and a variety of audio books and CDs are also available.

The libraries are fully accessible for people with mobility problems and disabilities. Each vehicle is fitted with low rise stairs and a passenger lift for easy access so that customers can board to select their own books. An induction loop system is also available for people with hearing impairments.

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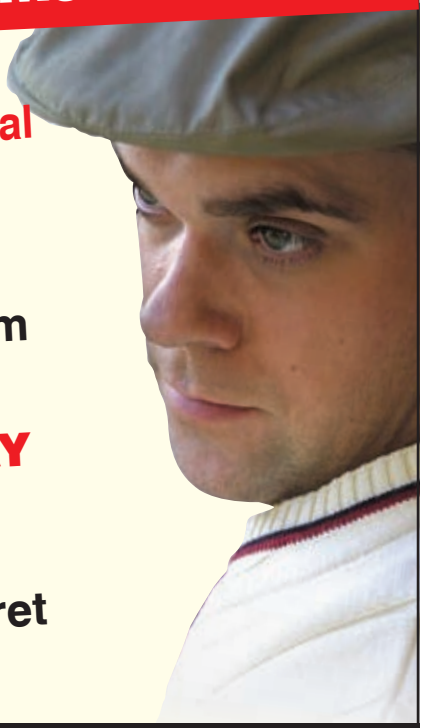

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Champion NEWSPAPERS

Launch of swimming 'academy' is a splash hit with local kids

TO celebrate the launch of their new lifesaving swimming lessons in this Olympic year, Total Swimming Academies and Edge Hill Sport brought together more than 200 local children and a host of Olympians - including eight-time world record holder, Mark Foster - for their Oceans of Fun event.

Staged at Edge Hill Sport, the event was hailed a "huge success" with the youngsters exploring a wide range of Olympic activities, from mini water polo to synchronized swimming, plus the chance to race against GB Olympians.

Total Swimming Academies and Edge Hill Sport are delighted with the success of the new partnership, which launched in January this year and is providing swimming lessons to 400 local children each week.

The Oceans of Fun event was a way to celebrate with the new swimmers who were all given the opportunity to join in the fun and games and meet the Team GB Olympians.

Total Swimming Academies offers three to 11-year-olds the opportunity to learn how to swim with classes which combine learning with fun.

Set up by Liverpool born Olympic medallist Steve Parry, the nationwide organisation delivers swimming lessons to 5,000 children every week across England and Scotland.

Discussing the link up with the Ormskirk university, Steve said: "I am delighted with the new partnership with Edge Hill Sport and overwhelmed with the support from their team.

"The fact we can now give more children the opportunity to learn how to be safe and have fun in the water can only be a good thing, and with 400 local children already signed up after the first month we are confident this partnership is going to grow from strength to strength.

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In 1994 motivated by the sudden sale and immediate closure of the Southport Globe, the Champion was born.

CEO Betty Drummond said: "The launch of the Champion and it's early history is a well-documented story of David and Goliath. The closure and loss of jobs at the Globe was the inspiration behind the Champion."

A handful of staff, with little more than will-power were determined to continue to produce a first class independent newspaper. After the Globe closed it's doors, and against all the odds, the team set about launching the Champion and within four days the first edition hit the streets. From a standing start with no resources, no money and no premises, the staff rallied.

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Since then Champion titles have always "bucked the trend" by enjoying steady growth, while other newspaper publishers have cut back circulation or closed down titles. Since 1994 we have produced an ever-growing series of quality newspapers, serving the residents of Sefton, North Liverpool and West Lancashire.

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Then & Now

JOSEPHS JEWELLERS

A look back to 1887 with Josephs Jewellers

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Wainwright & Son will be a recognised business name to many people of Ormskirk, as they celebrated a spectacular 159 years in business, closing down in 1986. During their time in business, 3 Burscough Street was the home to Wainwright & Son, a family jewellers and watch makers from 1887. Jack Bibby who had worked for Wainwrights as a watchmaker from 1941 had the important job of winding Ormskirk's historical clock tower. After 1986 number 3 Burscough street was no longer a jewellers – something Josephs wanted to change when the building became vacant in 2001.

Today

In 2001 brothers Joseph and Sean opened Josephs Jewellers in Ormskirk, the main shop being number 3 Burscough Street. They had a vision to design bespoke jewellery for the people of Ormskirk and further afield. Back then Joseph was the in-house goldsmith creating stunning jewellery for customers and together with Sean working hard on creating the luxury jewellers it is today.

Josephs jewellers is a contemporary jewellery makers creating bespoke wedding, engagement and precious coloured stone jewellery. They also sell popular branded jewellery and watches such as Chlobo, Claudia Bradby, Waterford, Mondaine, Bering, Elliot Brown plus more recently premium pre owned branded watches such as Panerai, Rolex, Omega and Tag Heuer.

Josephs is a family business run by Sean Gibney and more recently joined by his daughter Danielle. Many of Josephs team have worked there since the beginning. Everyone who works there is very experienced and knowledgeable about the jewellery industry and the delivery of exceptional service. Their in-house goldsmith Nic has over 40 years experience in the art of jewellery making and repairs with attention to detail being synonymous with the quality of service and craftsmanship from Josephs.

Josephs will be celebrating 20 years in business at number 3 Burscough street next year, and can only dream of the Josephs brand being as long standing as the infamous Wainwright & Son. They will be sharing more details and images of the period when Wainwright & Son were in business at number 3 Burscough Street and how this historical story prompted the opening of Josephs back in 2001 on their social media platforms.

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Then & Now

PANDORAS BOX

In 1990 Pandoras Box identified a niche opportunity in ladies' lingerie with 80% of ladies wearing the wrong size bra. At that time the availability of bras bigger than a D cup was very limited and large cup size ladies were badly serviced in this respect. They recognised that it wasn't simply a case of stocking large cup sizes – they needed to provide customers with a professional fitting service that would ensure customers were fitted with a good fitting bra.

1990

They began by selling at local markets 2-3 times a week and before too long they had moved from the outside markets to the indoor markets in Kirkby and Ormskirk. It was very much a family business with everybody contributing from bra fitting to finance!

Pandora's Box outgrew the markets very quickly and looked around for a high street retail unit and in 1993 they found their current premises in Wheatsheaf Walk, Ormskirk. At that time number 2 Wheatsheaf Walk had previously been a toy shop so there was a complete refurbishment needed before they opened up for selling bras! At this point the business had reached a level where it could no longer manage with family alone and they looked to employ staff to help them achieve their goal of running a successful business and offer exceptional service that they would become renowned for. Most of Pandora's Box staff remained for long periods of time, and became friends of Jackie, Pat and Katie who ran and owned the shop.

Now after 30 years Pandoras Box remains the 'go-to' lingerie retailer and it is not unusual for them to be fitting young women for their first bra who are the great-granddaughters of some of their first customers. They continue to offer specialised everyday lingerie, nightwear and swimwear in sizes A-K cup.

In recent years Pandora's Box identified another niche for supplying lingerie in larger back sizes as well as cup, focussing their attention on brands such as Elomi and Sculptresse. They also recognised the need for year round swimwear and have a smaller collection during the Winter months. FDJ sculpting and lifting jeans are available; providing customers who appreciate and desire good fitting garments, a selection of jeans that fit, look great and are incredibly comfortable.

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MAHARISHI SCHOOL

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CbE uses the simple and natural practice of TM to "dive within" the mind for a few minutes every day to access inner values of energy, happiness, creativity and intelligence. Pupils also benefit from extra lessons which expand on their experience of TM and help them to understand themselves and the world around them. The techniques used by the school are shown to have a beneficial impact on children's confidence, social integration and behaviour, as well as academic performance.

When the time came for the original pupils to take their GCSEs, they achieved exceptional results which attracted attention from the wider community. Over time, pupils from all around the local area and different backgrounds started coming to the school and as word spread, people even moved to the local area from across the UK so that their children could attend the school. In 2010, when the new coalition government was introducing free schools, Maharishi School was one of the first 23 free schools to open in September 2011. The size of the school almost doubled overnight with a plan for future growth over three years. The school continues to be very popular and for the last few years the school has been at full or almost full capacity.

Another feature of the school is that it is a through school. Applications for year 7 are more than double the school's capacity; however as primary pupils can continue straight into the secondary phase without reapplying, parents are advised to apply to join the school from reception.

In 2016 the headteacher, Dr Cassells, retired after nearly 30 years of promoting CbE and ensuring its central place in the school's offering. This included overseeing the school's academic success and its transition to a free school.
The school was delighted with its 2017 Ofsted report in which it was judged outstanding for personal development, behaviour and welfare, which included the use of TM and the other aspects of CbE. The report was a personal triumph for headteacher, Mrs Edwards, who took over from Dr. Cassells in September 2016. The report made particular reference to the outstanding contribution she had made to the school.

In the latest national school league tables, out of 155 secondary schools in Lancashire, Maharishi School came second in the county for the progress made by its pupils. This measure relates to Progress 8, which shows how much progress pupils have made between the end of primary and the end of secondary school, when they take their GCSEs. Progress 8 is based on results in up to eight qualifications and many feel that it is the most important of the Department for Education's measures, as it takes into account a student's starting point when they start secondary education. The school's score was in the "well above average" category and puts the school in the top 1.8% nationwide.

Pupil progress success for Maharishi School

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LONELINESS

Sometimes, independence can seem very lonely. According to Age UK, more than 2 million people in England over the age of 75 live alone, and more than a million older people say they go for over a month without speaking to a friend, neighbour or family member. For those living alone, without a support network of friends and family living close by, the home can sometimes seem like a prison. People can become socially isolated and it is easy to be left feeling alone and vulnerable. This can have an extremely negative affect on people's physical health and their well-being. Day centres can play a vital role here, providing the opportunity to form new friendships, as well as recreational activities and outings, helping to kick start a new social outlook.

Invite friends and family around. It is tempting to think no one wants to visit but often they will appreciate the invitation to come and spend some time with you. Sharing time to have a cup of tea or watch a TV programme together can make a real difference. So can picking up the phone and having a chat. It might not be easy to call round if you live in a rural area but a phone call can be made from anywhere and can make the difference to how isolated a person feels.

Learn to love computers. They can be a great way to stay in touch with family (especially Grandchildren) and photos can be shared via social media sites and email.

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ADAPTING YOUR HOME AND MOBILITY

Sometimes with age, illness, or after an accident, mobility can become a major concern and it may become more difficult to move around the home. Home adaptations are changes you can make to your home that are designed to make it safer and easier to move around and do everyday tasks. Getting up and down the stairs, getting out of bed and taking a bath or a shower need not pose the problems they sometimes do thanks to an array of solutions available. It is possible to adapt your home so that it better suits your needs.

If you are a wheelchair user then doorways can be widened and access to your property can be made easier with ramps, hand rails, better outdoor lighting and intercom systems for answering the door.

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You can have a second bannister fitted to help you with the stairs, or even have a stair lift or wheelchair lift installed. Bathrooms can also be adapted in many ways with the installation of hoists or bath lifts, specially adapted showers and wet rooms.

If you, or someone you know needs help to do everyday tasks or you're worried about falling, speak to social services and ask for a home assessment.

GET HELP WITH COSTS OF HOME ADAPTIONS

Many small adaptations are often free. Your local social services should pay for each adaptation that costs less than £1,000. This usually includes things such as:

- **Grab rails**
- **A concrete ramp or steps**
- **Automatic lights that come on when someone is at your front door**

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West Lancashire Borough Council offers disabled facilities grants that can be used to pay for adaptations such as ramps, stairlifts and level access showers.

To apply directly to the Council for a grant you must be aged over 19 and be a home-owner, private tenant or housing association tenant and live in West Lancashire.

You must also be disabled or have a long-term health condition that restricts your ability to carry out basic daily tasks such as bathing or getting up and down the stairs. An occupational therapist or trusted assessor will be asked to assess you in your home to determine the type of adaptations that you need.

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For more information contact the Private Sector Housing Team on **01695 585279**.

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HOW TO MAKE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS WHEN SOMEONE HAS DIED.

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Make the "first calls" to notify the appropriate parties and have the deceased removed from the place of death.

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Look for Pre-Arrangements

Determine if the deceased left behind a pre-arranged funeral plan. A pre-arranged plan generally specifies the funeral service provider that the deceased selected.

Arrange for Funeral Services

Meet with a funeral director to make arrangements for the funeral services. During the meeting, you will discuss how the deceased will be cared for, whether you will have a burial or cremation, and what type of ceremony will be held.

A funeral directors responsibility is to ensure that a funeral meets the wishes of the family and of the deceased. He or she will ensure that the funeral is appropriate, dignified and carried out in a respectful, professional manner. They will also ensure that each element of the funeral complies with the law. At the time of loss, the funeral director will also be on hand to help with the many practicalities that a funeral demands. For example, they may assist in moving the deceased to their premises, provide facilities to view the person who has died, order floral tributes, help you arrange a time and date for the funeral, ensure all paperwork is correct and in place, offer coffins to your budget, arrange music and provide appropriate cars and staff on the day.

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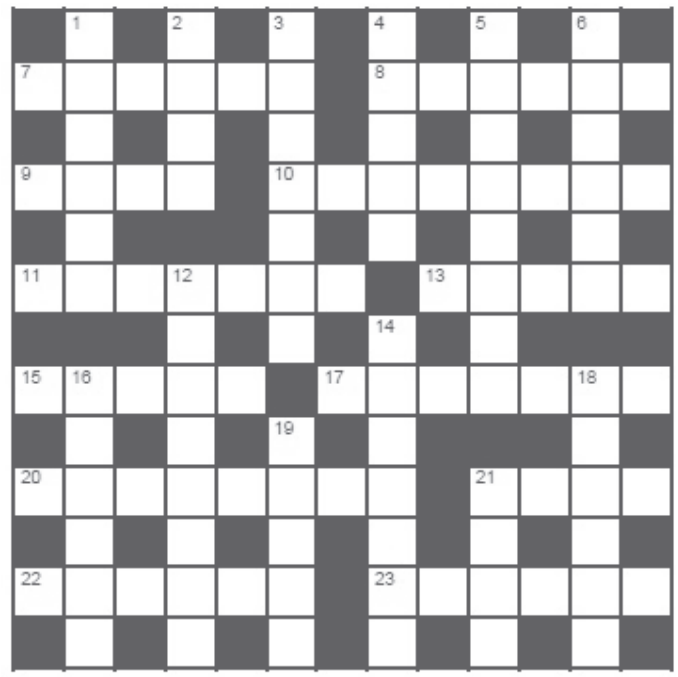

ACROSS

7. Unit of time (6)
8. Line on a map indicating places of equal atmospheric pressure (6)
9. Gradually grow faint and begin to disappear (4)
10. Deliberately destroy, damage or obstruct (8)
11. Affectedly polite and refined (7)
13. Of a more advanced age (5)
15. Inhibit growth (5)
17. Skilled, competent (7)
20. Depicting rural life (8)
21. A designated task or obligation (4)
22. Kind of fruit such as oranges, lemons and limes (6)
23. Sagacity (6)

DOWN

1. Formal discussion or argument (6)
2. Area of land designated for a specific purpose or subject to particular restrictions (4)
3. A long and eventful journey or experience; epic Greek poem (7)
4. An uncertain period of awaiting a decision or resolution (5)
5. Thin, flat Mexican pancake made from maize flour (7)
6. Collective noun for a flock of geese (6)
12. A medicine made by dissolving a drug in alcohol (8)
14. Playwright and poet, a contemporary of Shakespeare (7)
16. Grievously sad (6)
18. Liquid preparation designed to be applied to the skin for medicinal or cosmetic purposes (6)
19. Compress forcefully, squash (5)
21. Item of classroom furniture (4)

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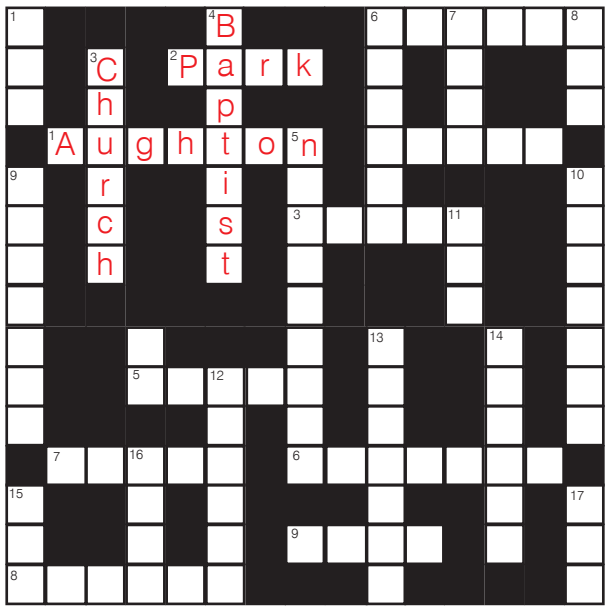
SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS?

(We can maybe help with the clues).



1. No Awkwardness
2. No Wishful Thinking
3. No Distractions

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2. We explain what the Bible actually says, not what we hope it says, or what we would like it to say.
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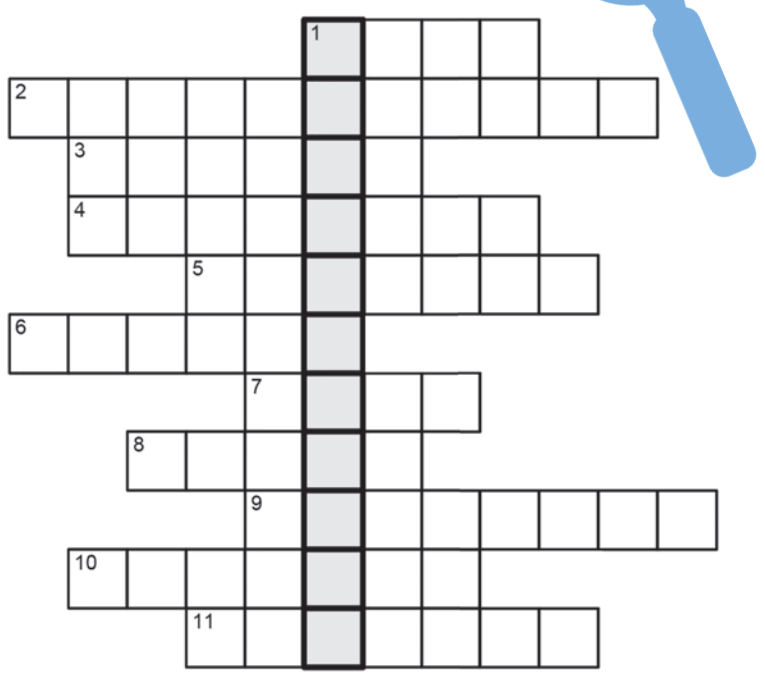
Find the hidden word in the shaded boxes by filling in the answers to the clues below...



THE CLUES

1. Sweet baked item
2. That recurring yearly
3. Related group
4. Cooking over a fire
5. Significant anniversary
6. Wide flag or cloth sign
7. Public party or celebration
8. Political group
9. Happy occasion
10. Increase rapidly
11. Sumptuous feast

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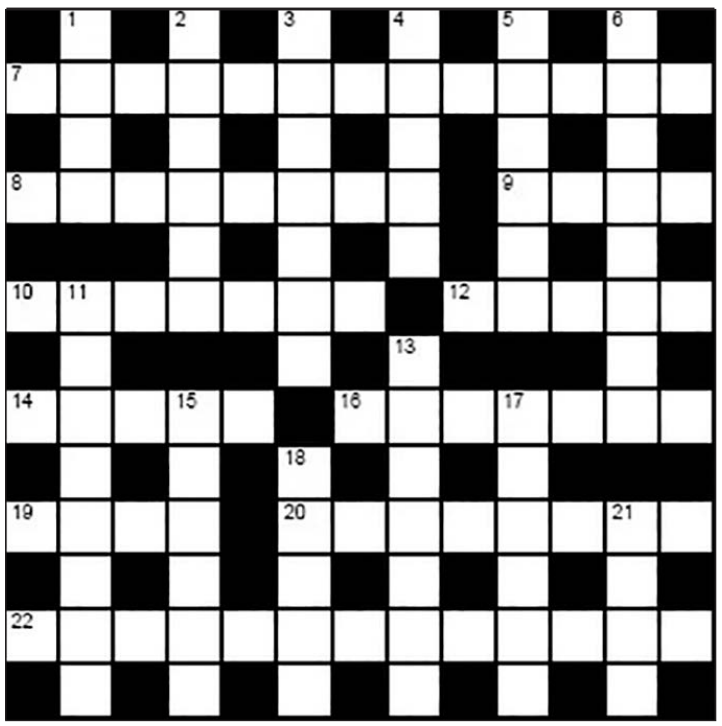

Last week's solutions:
Across: 7. Jovial. 8. Sunlit. 9. Mode. 10. Spaceman. 11. Delimit. 13. Frail. 15. Found. 16. Tangent. 18. Subtitle. 19. Tiff. 21. Inbred. 22. Eureka.
Down: 1. Polo. 2. Time signature. 3. Classic. 4. Usual. 5. Interrogatory. 6. Citation. 12. Eloquent. 14. Tapered. 17. Study. 20. Fake.

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ACROSS

7. Collective name for England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland (6, 7)
8. A small tree of SE North America, having large fragrant white flowers (5, 3)
9. Part of the body connecting the head to the torso (4)
10. Pertaining to touch (7)
12. Representative (5)
14. Unpleasantly bitter or pungent (5)
16. Unfasten something tethered to something else (7)
19. Catch sight of (4)
20. Ancient stone-throwing weapon (8)
22. Economic situation when goods are scarce keeping prices high (7, 6)

DOWN

1. White, flaky precipitation (4)
2. Public road in a city, town, or village, typically with houses and buildings on one or both sides (6)
3. Strange or eccentric person (7)
4. North African country whose capital is Tripoli (5)
5. Beverage made with eggs, milk, sugar and typically rum or brandy (6)
6. Like Vesuvius or Etna for instance (8)
11. Approached aggressively (8)
13. Whenever (7)
15. Happy, peaceful, or picturesque periods or situations, typically idealised or unsustainable (6)
17. Bring goods into a country from abroad (6)
18. Group or set of 20 (5)
21. Onion-like plant, a Welsh national emblem (4)

County council backs campaign to encourage LGBTQ+ community to consider fostering

LANCASHIRE County Council is backing a campaign which encourages people from the LGBTQ+ community to consider fostering or adoption.

Now in its eighth year, LGBT+ Adoption and Fostering Week runs from Monday to Sunday, March 2-8 and is organised by New Family Social, the network for LGBT+ adoptive and foster families.

The annual campaign encourages more lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender+ people to consider adoption and fostering and celebrates the achievements of those who've already done so.

This year's campaign, entitled *Why Not You?*, will focus on myth-busting and answering common questions raised by the LGBT+ community when considering fostering or adoption.

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, the authority's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "We have many same-sex couples in Lancashire who are providing stable and loving homes for children and young people who cannot live with their own families.

"We always need more foster carers and adoptive parents from all walks of life, and I want to remind people that we welcome applications from people of all ages, single, married, cohabiting, in same-sex relationships, with or without their own children, working or not.

"What the children and young people need most of all is to be with people who have a caring nature, who enjoy being with children and have a determination to see it through.

"I'm delighted that we are supporting this year's LGBTQ+ Adoption and Fostering Week. The campaign will tackle important misconceptions and highlight that LGBT+ people make great parents and there are so many children waiting for a loving home, either temporary or permanent.

"Perhaps you could be a parent to a child who is waiting. To be considered as foster carers or adoptive parents, people need to be over 21, and living in or close to Lancashire."

A package of support is available 24/7 to help foster carers in their role, including local support groups, their own social worker, a dedicated helpline, and flexible training.

Out-of-hours support is available via a dedicated helpline staffed by experienced social workers. Training is flexible including during school hours, evenings and weekends and online, and can be tailored to the needs of any child.

Recognising that adoptive families require support at different times and even when the adoption has taken place, there is also a range of support services and advice available.

To find out more ring 0300 123 6723 or visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/adoption or www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering. More information about the week can be found at newfamilysocial.org.uk/lgbt2020.

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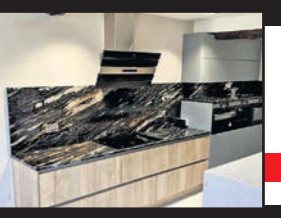

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Students from world famous school of music performing at village hall in borough

FOUR talented musicians from the world famous Chetham's School of Music will be performing in Parbold's Village Hall on Saturday, March 14.

The students will be playing a programme of music for the piano including works by Bach, Schubert and Debussy. Tickets for Parbold Douglas Music's concert are available from www.parbolddouglasmusic.org.

The pianists have been selected to appear in Parbold Douglas Music's concert season from Chetham's 300 highly talented pupils.

Douglas Music has a long history of supporting young musicians, so is particularly pleased to be welcoming them to Parbold Village Hall. Chetham's School of Music - the largest specialist music school in the country - is the only such school in the north, and so competition to study there is very high. The school is accessible to all, regardless of family income, and represents the very best of young people's musical talents.

The four students – Luca Grianti, Rose McLachlan, Maissa Mulki and Patrick Townsend – have selected works that will showcase their musical skill and youthful energy. Rose McLachlan will open the concert with pieces by Romantic composers Schubert, Schumann and Debussy, including theAbeggVariations by Schumann.

A Chetham's piano student

Pianist Patrick Townsend has chosen to play Ravel's charming Sonatine and J S Bach's Prelude and Fugue in E flat major. This particularly melodic work comes from Bach's first Well Tempered Clavier book, arguably the most influential publication of pieces for keyboard.

Another work by J S Bach, his French Suite No. 5 in G major, will be performed by Maissa Mulki. This Baroque suite, actually more Italian in style than French, was written as a practice piece for Bach's pupils.

The evening closes with Luca Grianti's performance of Le Tombeau de Couperin, Maurice Ravel's beautiful interpretation of the suites of the Baroque period.

The work was written during the First World War, some 150 years after Bach wrote his own suites.

Frenchman Ravel adopted the form used by Baroque composers such as Couperin and Bach, to pay homage to his friends who had died in the war.

Tickets for the concert are £16 for adults and £5 for young persons and students. To book tickets visit www.parbolddouglasmusic.org /email tickets@parbolddouglasmusic.org / telephone 01257 498452 (answerphone).

Top Lloyd Webber musical is heading to city next year

The London production of The School of Rock

SCHOOL of Rock - The Musical, Andrew Lloyd Webber's smash hit, award-winning West End show, will go on a major UK Tour in 2021, arriving at the Liverpool Empire from October 18-23 next year.

Based on the hilarious hit movie, this new musical follows Dewey Finn, a failed, wannabe rock star who decides to earn a few extra bucks by posing as a substitute teacher at a prestigious prep school.

There he turns a class of straight-A students into a guitar-shredding, bass-slapping, mind-blowing rock band – sensationally performed live by the production's young actors every night with roof-raising energy!

While teaching these pint-sized prodigies what it means to truly rock, Dewey falls for the school's beautiful, but uptight headmistress, helping her rediscover the wild child within.

Featuring 14 new songs from Andrew Lloyd Webber and all the original songs from the movie, this high-octane smash delivers face-melting guitar riffs and touching romance in equally awesome doses.

The production opened at the New London Theatre (now the Gillian Lynne Theatre) in November 2016 to 5-star reviews and widespread critical acclaim.

It went on to win the Olivier Award for Outstanding Achievement in Music.

The Broadway production recently concluded its run at the Winter Garden Theatre with a US national touring production continuing.

An Australian production opened at Her Majesty's Theatre in Melbourne last October.

School of Rock - The Musical features new music written by Andrew Lloyd Webberwith lyrics by Glenn Slater (The Little Mermaid, Sister Act) and a book byJulian Fellowes.

It is directed by Laurence Connor (Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, London Palladium 2019) with choreography by JoAnn M.Hunter, set and costume designs by Anna Louizos, lighting design by Natasha Katz, sound design by Mick-Potter, music supervision by John Rigby with Matt Smith as musical director.

Andrew Lloyd Webber is the composer of some of the world's best known musicals including Cats, Evita, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Jesus Christ Superstar, The Phantom of the Opera (which this year celebrates its 30th anniversary) and Sunset Boulevard.

Noah Hathaway appeared in The NeverEnding Story

Chance to see 80's cult classic at Edge Hill University

A SPECIAL screening of 80's cult classic fantasy film The NeverEnding Story (1984; Dir. Wolfgang Petersen) will be presented by the lead actor who plays Atreyu in the film, Noah Hathaway, at Edge Hill University's Creative Edge building this Thursday (March 5) at 6pm.

Known for its enchanting characters and stunning visual effects for its time, The NeverEnding Story follows a boy who happens upon a magical book and becomes engulfed in the tale of a young warrior who must overcome a dark force to save the mystical world of Fantasia.

The film's relevance in pop-culture recently re-emerged when its theme song was sung by Stranger Things characters Suzie and Dustin.

Noah is an award-winning American actor, and a former child star who performed his own stunts.

Talking about Noah's role as Atreyu, director Wolfgang Petersen said: "I sought a good-looking boy of athletic build with the quality of fierce determination.

"The role requires the character to ride a horse expertly, fly on the back of a dragon, struggle through a swamp, clamber over rocks and fight a ferocious wolf-vampire."

Following the screening, Noah will be In Conversation about the making of the film as well as being a young actor in Hollywood and the paths that his career has taken.

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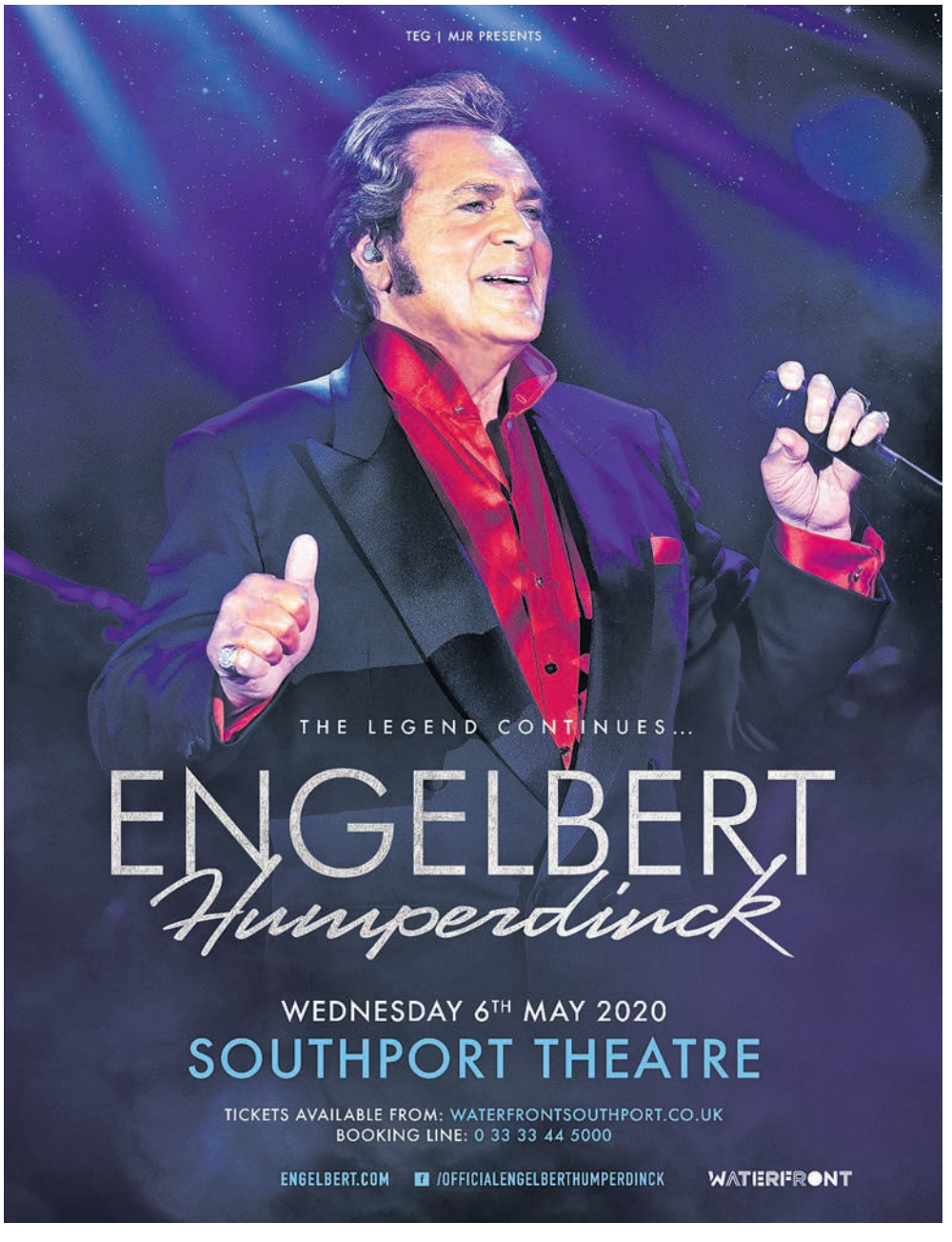

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ROCKING CHAIR Dark wood £25 01704 506544

MANGLE OLD Original mangle £95 07741206449

TV TABLE Goa range corner TV table £250 offers 07368862144

CEILING FAN 4 slats, good condition £20.00 07896 159694

DRESSING TABLE pine 4 drawer 90x42cm £25 01704830686

ELECTRIC BED Single electric bed working order. £25 ono 01704506544

TV CABINET Yew coloured tv cabinet. 90cms longx42widex39high .£10 ono. 01704506544

COFFEE TABLE Wooden oval shaped nice looking piece £20 07741206449

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DELONGHI MICOWAVE White 19" wide x 11" high x 13" deep good condition £20 07756229527

DISPLAY UNIT Mahogany with cut glass, mirrored back with lights 72" high by 18" deep by 36" wide £85 07756229527

MATCHING LAMPS 2 of on pillars, gold & cream total hieght 52". Photos available 07756229527

SIDE TABLE Mahogany square with under self. 30" high by 18" wide. Excellent condition £30 07756229527

COFFEE TABLE Goa range coffee table solid wood 8 drawers apothecary style £300 offers 07368862144

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DINING SET Round extending dining table & 4 chairs with matching display unit in mahogany with cut glass & lights £200 the lot 07756229527

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G PLAN TV STEREO UNIT in pine with glass door shelves for system or CDs Width 100cm. Height 72cm. Depth 47cm. £55 07876701547

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SIDE TABLE Oak Furnitureland Alto natural solid oak table. Excellent condition. H44cm W50cm D50cm. Formby £50 01704 833268

BENTWOOD CHAIR Mundus Bentwood Armchair. Vienna Austria. All wood with round seat and arms. Quite old. May deliver. £35 01704560150

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MAHOGANY SIDEBOARD Charles Sheraton mahogany sideboard. W113cm, H83cm, D56cm. Quality piece of furniture. A few marks. (can send Pics) £50 07811750732

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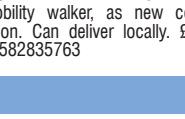

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Margery, Hilary, Laura and John wish to thank family and friends for their love and support during Trevor's illness and now during our bereavement. We are very grateful for the generous donations made by family and friends to Queenscourt Hospice in memory of our beloved Trevor.

We also wish to thank the doctors and staff at The Grange Surgery, the Ainsdale District Nurses and the Palliative Care Team at Queenscourt Hospice who enabled Trevor to be cared for at home and staff at Southport and Clatterbridge Hospitals who responded immediately. We are touched by their compassion and grateful for their expertise.

Sincere thanks to Reverend Ian Mainey, Vicar of St.James' Church, Birkdale for his pastoral care, particularly during recent months, and for taking Trevor's funeral service.

Finally grateful thanks to Howard's Funeral Directors for their kindness to us and professional service which eased our way through a very sad time.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

OWEN FLORENCE

Harold, Brian, William and families wish to thank everyone for their sympathy and kind donations at the passing of their Mother, Florence. Also sincere thanks to everyone who has shown her great kindness and loving care over the past months.

HOLLAND IRENE

Tony and the family of Irene Holland would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for their messages of kindness and sympathy. The attendance of so many of you at the funeral service was very much appreciated. Particular thanks to the district nurses and everyone at Queenscourt Hospice for their care and compassion at such a difficult time. Thanks to Father Boniface at St Anne's for his ministry and support during Irene's illness and for leading such a moving funeral service. Thanks also for the many donations for Queenscourt Hospice. Any further donations can still be given to MLS funeral directors, who the family would also like to thank for their outstanding professionalism and support.

DEATHS

VERHEYDEN SONIA JOHANNA

13th February 2020

Aged 86 years

Devoted Wife of the late Johannes Mathias (Matt). Very sadly missed by all her friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 6th March at 9:20am. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

DUERDIN JAMES WALTER (JIM)

17th February 2020

Aged 70 years

Died at home. Loving Son of Elsie and the late James. Brother of Malcolm, Robin and Ian. Jim will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 9th March at 2:00pm. Family flowers only please.

Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

BALL SUSAN

28th February 2020

aged 57 years

In loving memory of Susan. You will always be missed. Your loving Husband Stephen and family, David and Gordon. Funeral service will be held at Green Acres, Rainford on Tuesday 10th March at 12noon. Enquiries to Devonport Funeral Services Tel: 01695 731199

HANLON JENNIFER

22nd February 2020

Peacefully in hospital

aged 55 years

Devoted Mum of Rachael and Danny. Much loved Nan, Daughter, Sister, Mother-in-law and Auntie. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 6th March at 10am. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for The British Lung Foundation. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

Announcements

DEATHS

BALL SUSAN

In loving memory of a very dear friend Susan Ball. We'll always miss you. Carol, Gary and family.

RUSHTON BRENDA

26th February 2020

After a short illness

aged 86 years

Loving Wife of the late John, much loved Mum of Christine and John, beloved Grandmother of James, Kate and Paul and Great Grandmother of Samuel. Funeral service and cremation at West Lancs Crematorium on Wednesday 11th March at 3.00pm. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to The Stroke Association c/o W.Craven Ltd Funeral Directors, Lydiate, 0151 531 7890

HUDSON SAMUEL LEE

Samuel Lee passed away peacefully, aged 82 years on 15th February

Beloved Husband to Sarah and a much loved Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. He will be deeply missed by all his family and friends. A funeral service will take place on Monday 9th March at St. Helens Crematorium at 10am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Alzheimers Society, c/o and all enquiries: W. Banks of Orrell, Sefton Villa, Sefton Road, Orrell, WN5 8UP Tel: 01695 622272

DEATHS

JOHNS CONNIE

22nd February 2020

Peacefully in Hospital

Dearly loved Mum, Grandma and Great-Grandma.

Connie's Funeral Service is to be held at Old Roan Methodist Church, Altway on Thursday 12th March 2020 at 2:15pm followed by cremation at Thornton Crematorium.

Family flowers only please, donations in lieu of flowers will be gratefully received for Old Roan Methodist Church. For all enquiries, please contact Graham J. Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull, L31 5JB 0151 520 3330

GRIER DEREK

Suddenly at home

aged 81 years

of Ainsdale, formerly of Formby

Devoted Husband of Sally. Much Loved Dad of Jackie and Tony, Precious Gramps and Grandad of Stacey and Alfie, Dear Father in law of Alistair.

For Funeral arrangements please contact Margaret Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Lancashire Tel: 01695 424888.

DEATHS

BICKNELL LORRAINE

21st Feb 2020

Passed Peacefully

aged 62 years

at Woodlands Hospice

Much loved Wife of Tony, Mum of Joanne and Anthony and Mother in law to Paul. A wonderful Nanny to Michael, Joseph and Ella.

Funeral service at Thornton Crematorium Monday 9th March at 2pm.

Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Woodlands Hospice. For all enquiries please contact Graham J. Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull L31 5JB 0151 520 3330

WASHBOURN MARGARET (PEGGY)

24th February 2020

Peacefully in Beacon View Rest Home

aged 91 years

Peggy was a much loved Mum, Nan, Great Nan and Great Great Nan. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 10th March at 12 noon. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

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VINCENT KENNETH ISAAC (KEN)

20th February 2020

Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Wednesday 11th March 2020 at 1.00pm.
Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired for Peter Lathom Trust / Lathom Park Trust.
Prayers will be said for Ken at Newburgh Church on Sunday the 8th March in the 10.30am Service.
Donations and further enquires please to Sally Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, L39 5DZ. Tel: 01695 424888.

LUNT AGNES

Passed away on 11th February 2020

A wonderful lady, Auntie and Friend.
Agnes will be sadly missed by all who knew her.
Requiem Mass will take place at 2pm at St Patricks R.C. Church, 35 Marshside Road, Churchtown PR9 9JT, followed by Committal at 3.20pm at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 10th March 2020.
Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for The Brain Tumour Charity.
Further enquiries please to Moisters Funeral Directors. 8 Marshside Road, Churchtown, Southport. PR9 8PF Tel: 01704 227430.

NORRIS PAUL ANTHONY

Unexpectedly in hospital on 23rd February 2020, aged 57 years.

Much loved Partner of Trisha.
Loving and devoted Dad of Chris.
Paul will be sadly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Monday 9th March 2020 at 12:00 noon.
Family flowers only by request but donations are being gratefully received by the family for Diabetes UK.
Further enquiries please to Moister Funeralcare, 25a Sefton Street, Southport PR8 6SG telephone number 01704 501501.

ANDREW ROY

On 25th February 2020 peacefully in Abbendon Nursing Home
Aged 86 years

Beloved husband of Sheila
And will be sadly missed by all his Children Grandchildren and Sister Sandra.
Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 5th March at 2pm.
Family flowers only by request
Donations if so desired to Alzheimer's Society
Donations and further enquiries please to M.Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG, Tel: 01704 214118

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ELEMENT FREDA MURIEL ANN

Peacefully at home on 26th February 2020 aged 81 years

Much loved Wife of Alf.
Much loved Mum.
Loving Nan to all her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.
Freda will be sadly missed by all her family, friends and all who knew her.
Funeral Service will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Tarleton on Saturday 7th March 2020 at 10.30am, followed by Committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for their chosen charity.
Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel: 01704 897770.

FRASER CAROL

22nd February 2020
Aged 77 years

Peacefully at Southport Hospital.
Beloved Mum of Angela, Lorraine, Roy and Jeanette, much loved Nan of Darren, Liam, Carl, Joley, Harrison, Mackenzie, Ellie and Tallulah.
Carol will be greatly loved and missed by all who knew her.
Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 6th March at 2:00pm.
Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for Dogs Trust.
Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone 01704 500086.

HUGHES HARRY

Peacefully at Beaufort Care Home on 22nd February 2020 aged 88 years

A much loved Husband of Marilyn.
A much loved Dad of Susan and Phil.
Dear Father-in-Law of Laura and Russ.
Loving Grandad of Jonathan, Jessica, James and Kimberley and Great Grandad of Alfie and Oliver.
A much loved Brother and Uncle.
Harry will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 9th March 2020 at 10am.
Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Dementia UK.
Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770.

WATKINSON FLORENCE CATHERINE

On 26th February 2020
Peacefully in Dovehaven Nursing Home
Aged 88 years

Beloved Wife of Henry
Loving Mum of Andrew and Russell, dear Mother-in-law of Julie and Alison.
Much loved Grandma of Kirsty, Katy and Henry and Great Grandma of Ava and Mia
Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 5th March at 10.40am
Family flowers only by request but donations if so desired to The Salvation Army.
Donations and further enquiries please to M.Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118

HALSALL HARRY

Passed away on 22nd February 2020 aged 70 years of Burscough

Dearly Loved Husband of June.
Much Loved Dad of Andrew and Sam.
Loving Poppa of Sam, Katie, Jake, Neve, Hannah, Tom, Ella and Joe.
Great Grandad of Mallie and Elva.
Dear Brother of Jack and Mag, Loved and Missed by all his family and friends.
Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium on Thursday 5th March 2020 at 10.00am.
Family flowers only please by request, donations are being gratefully received for The Alzheimer's Society.

Donations and further enquires please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a, Liverpool Road North, Burscough Tel: 01704 891555

MURCH MARY

(nee Mangan)

Passed away peacefully at home on 24th February 2020 aged 83 years

Dearly beloved Wife of Gerard. Treasured Mum of Ian, Janet, Karen and Claire and a very special Nan to all her Grandchildren.
Mary will be loved, remembered and greatly missed by all her family and friends.
Requiem Mass at 1.30pm at Our Lady of Compassion Church, Formby on Monday 9th March 2020, all welcome; followed by committal at Thornton Crematorium at 2.40pm for close friends and family.
Donations if desired to Parkinson's UK.
Further enquiries please to Dean Bros. Funeral Directors, Formby Tel: 01704 872023.

PATON DOREEN

17th February 2020
Aged 97 Years

Peacefully at Dovecote Manor Care Home.
Beloved Wife to the late Robert
Loving Mother to Ian and the late Mike and Mother in law to Susan. Much loved Grandmother to Joni, Matthew and the late Oliver.
Doreen will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.
Family would also like to thank all the staff at Dovecote Manor for their great care and attention provided over the years.
Requiem Mass at St John Stones Roman Catholic Church on Tuesday 10th March at 11:45am followed by a committal at Southport Crematorium at 12:40pm.
Family flowers only please, donations if desired are being collected for Alzheimer's Society and Friends of Rotten Row.
Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

PEACOCK MARIA

Passed away on the 23rd February 2020 at Southport Hospital
Aged 73 Years

Wife to Keith. Mum to Matt. Oma to Kate and James.
Sister to Cherie. Sister In Law to Karen & husband Gary & the boys.
Sadly missed by the family and all her friends.
Thanks for all the condolences and cards and support during this so sad time.
Funeral service to take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough on Thursday 5th March at 11am.
Further enquiries to David Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, PR4 6RJ. Telephone 01772 811165

GALLETLY FRANCIS MALCOLM

Passed away peacefully surrounded by his family 24th February 2020 aged 86 years

Dearly beloved Husband to Jo.
Much loved Dad to Paula, Joanne and Alison, Father-in-law to Gary and Graeme and Grandad to Matthew, Rachael, Mhairi and Ailish.
He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.
Funeral service to be held on Friday 13th March 2020 at 12pm at St Anne's RC Church Ormskirk.
Mass at St. Annes Church Ormskirk on Friday 13th March 2020 at 12 noon, followed by committal at West Lancs Crematorium.
Family flowers only but the family are gratefully receiving donations to Liverpool University Hospital.

Donations and further enquires please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Lancashire Tel: 01695 424888.

FENNA HARRY

20th February 2020
Aged 88 years.

Much loved husband of the late Shirley. Dad of Gillian and David.
Father-in-law of Karen.
Dear grandad of Andrew, Lisa, Natalie, Stephen and Nicola.
Great grandad of Connor and Freddie.
Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 6th March 2020 at 10.00am.
Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Queenscourt Hospice.
Further enquiries please to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ. Tel: 01704 532106

COLLINGE ELIZABETH ("BETTY")

née Thomas,
10th August 1921,
Llanrwst,
Southport,
passed away peacefully on 27th February 2020.

Elizabeth trained as a nurse in Birmingham and as a Midwife in London before moving to Southport where she was Ward Sister at the Promenade hospital from 1952 until 1958 and again from 1972 to her retirement in 1982 from the ENT unit. If you had your tonsils removed in those years, she'd have cared for you.
She married Professor Brian Collinge in 1958 (died 1986) and leaves two Sons, David and John, two Grandsons, Mikkel and Jakob and two Great Grandsons, Otto and Marius.
Funeral service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 13th March at 10:40am. Donations in lieu of flowers to the Alzheimer Society via M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG, Tel: 01704 214118 www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ElizabethCollinge21-20

IN MEMORIAM

FARRIMOND DORIS

2nd March 2019

Forever in our thoughts and hearts

Love from Husband Alan, Daughter Sue & Partner Ian, Son Nigel, Grand Daughters Kayleigh & Siobhan, partners Steve & Will and great Grandson Luke.

IN MEMORIAM

LACEY MARGARET

1st March 2018

We miss talking
to you,
We miss the laughter,
We miss our trips out,
We miss you Mum.

But Mum, as long as
we have memories,
As long as we
have tears,
You'll never be
forgotten,
Not in a million years.

Loving Husband Frank
and family

xx

RIMMER GERALD

2nd March 2019

We thought of you today, but that is nothing new, we thought of you yesterday, and will tomorrow too. We think of you in silence and make no outward show, for what it meant to lose you, only those who love you know. Remembering you is easy, we do it everyday, it's the heartache of losing you, that will never go away. Loved and remembered always, Linda, David, Janet, and all the family.

IN MEMORIAM

BOYER MARY

Remembering you
is easy,
I do it every day,
It's just the pain of
losing you,
That never goes away.
xx

IN MEMORIAM

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Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

LEGAL NOTICES

MARY JEAN ROWE
(Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of Dovehaven House, 58 Moss Road, Halsall, Ormskirk PR8 4JQ, who died on 22/12/2019, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 12/05/2020, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

Cockshott Peck Lewis, 24 Hoghton Street, Southport, Merseyside PR9 0PA. Ref: VAH/JLM/ROWE

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(C166 MILL LANE, APPLEY BRIDGE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C166 Mill Lane, Appley Bridge from U3069 Herons Wharf, Appley Bridge for a distance of 40m in an Easterly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours until 1700 hours on Monday 16th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C166 Mill Lane, Appley Bridge – C162 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – B5375 Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge – Over the boundary into Wigan – B5375 Miles Lane – C166 Mill Lane, Appley Bridge – Over the boundary into West Lancashire – C166 Mill Lane, Appley Bridge and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow sewer lining works to be carried out by Sapphire Utility Solutions Ltd on behalf of United Utilities.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/22003/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(STATION ROAD, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Station Road, Parbold from a point 15m North West of the junction with Broadmead, Parbold for a distance of 40m in a Northerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 2359 hours on Saturday 14th March 2020 until 0800 hours on Sunday 15th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- The Common, Parbold – Lancaster Lane, Parbold – Alder Lane, Parbold – Mill Lane, Windmill Bridge – Station Road, Parbold and vice Versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow drainage works and culvert cleaning to be carried out by Centurion Site Services on behalf of Network Rail.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/20371/EW]

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West Lancashire Borough Council – Council Tax 2020/2021

Notice is hereby given that on 26th February 2020, the West Lancashire Borough Council in accordance with section 30 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 set for the chargeable year beginning 1st April 2020 Council Tax Rates including the Council Tax Rates set by Lancashire County Council, the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.

For dwelling within each property band and situated in those parts of the Councils area to which no special item relates as detailed below:

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
NON – PARISHED or town council areas	1260.69	1470.79	1680.92	1891.02	2311.25	2731.47	3151.71	3782.04

For dwellings within each property band and situated in those parts of the Councils area to which a special item relates as detailed below:

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BICKERSTAFFE	1281.28	1494.81	1708.37	1921.90	2348.99	2776.07	3203.18	3843.80
BISPHAM	1260.69	1470.79	1680.92	1891.02	2311.25	2731.47	3151.71	3782.04
BURSCOUGH	1284.71	1498.81	1712.95	1927.05	2355.29	2783.51	3211.76	3854.10
DALTON	1274.74	1487.19	1699.66	1912.10	2337.01	2761.92	3186.84	3824.20
DOWNHOLLAND	1287.72	1502.33	1716.96	1931.57	2360.81	2790.04	3219.29	3863.14
GREAT ALTCAR	1269.86	1481.48	1693.14	1904.77	2328.06	2751.33	3174.63	3809.54
HALSALL	1273.77	1486.05	1698.36	1910.64	2335.23	2759.81	3184.41	3821.28
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LATHOM SOUTH	1280.36	1493.73	1707.14	1920.52	2347.31	2774.08	3200.88	3841.04
NEWBURGH	1284.04	1498.03	1712.05	1926.04	2354.05	2782.05	3210.08	3852.08
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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Westgate, Skelmersdale from High Street, Skelmersdale to Railway Road, Skelmersdale.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours on Monday 16th March 2020 until 1500 hours on Friday 20th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- High Street, Skelmersdale – Whitehey, Skelmersdale – Whitehey Road, Skelmersdale – Railway Road, Skelmersdale and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/20180/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(ORMSKIRK ROAD, UP HOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020 (TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2020
The Lancashire County Council ("the County Council") in exercise of its powers under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, (the Act), and of all other enabling powers, **HEREBY** makes the following Order:-
The Lancashire County Council (Ormskirk Road, Up Holland, West Lancashire Borough)(Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2019, is hereby temporarily Amended in that:
i. To amend Article 3 as follows:
The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours on Tuesday 10th March 2020 until 1500 hours on Friday 13th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
This Temporary Amendment Order shall come into operation on Friday 14th February 2020 and may be cited as **"The Lancashire County Council (Ormskirk Road, Up Holland, West Lancashire Borough) (Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2019 (Temporary Amendment) Order 2020"**
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/20173/EW/1]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(C141 STATION ROAD, BANKS, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any class of traffic to proceed over that length of C141 Station Road, Banks from a point 265m West of its junction with C140 Guinea Hall Lane, Banks for a distance of 70m
2. Nothing in this notice shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0000 hours on Saturday 29th February 2020 until 2359 hours on Thursday 5th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C141 Station Road, Banks – A565 Southport New Road, Banks – C140 Guinea Hall Lane, Banks – C141 Station Road, Banks and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable pumping equipment to be in place while sewer repairs are being undertaken by Amey on behalf of United Utilities.
Authority given for this Notice to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/22738/EW/1]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(COTTON DRIVE, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over the following lengths of highway in West Lancashire Borough:-
i. Cotton Drive, Ormskirk from Brookhouse Road, Ormskirk to Halsall Lane, Ormskirk
ii. Cotton Drive, Ormskirk from Cotton Drive, Ormskirk to Halsall Court, Ormskirk
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on until 1800 hours on Friday 20th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Brookhouse Road, Ormskirk – C132 Halsall Lane, Ormskirk and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to secure a safe working environment for surface dressing patching works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/21663/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MOSS LANE, BANKS, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over the following lengths of highway within the West Lancashire Borough:-
i. U1267 Moss Lane, Banks from U1184 Boltons Cop, Banks to U1270 Rydings Lane, Banks
ii. U1267 Moss Lane, Banks from U1184 Boltons Cop, Banks to U1268 Square House Lane, Banks
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 16th March 2020 until 1700 hours on Friday 20th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period. Only one section of Moss Lane, Banks will be closed at any one time.
4. Alternative routes for vehicular traffic affected by the closures are via:-
Closure i.
U1267 Moss Lane, Banks – U1268 Square House Lane, Banks – U1269 Gorsey Lane, Banks – U1270 Rydings Lane, Banks and vice versa.
Closure ii.
U1268 Square House Lane, Banks – U1269 Gorsey Lane, Banks – U1270 Rydings Lane, Banks – U481 Boundary Lane, Hundred End – U1184 Boltons Cop, Banks and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the installation of joint bays and energise the cables to be carried out by Network Plus on behalf of Electricity North West.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/22338/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U1270 RYDINGS LANE, BANKS, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U1270 Rydings Lane, Banks from U1267 Moss Lane, Banks to U481 Boundary Lane, Hundred End.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 9th March 2020 until 1700 hours on Friday 13th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- U1270 Rydings Lane, Banks – C142 Marsh Road, Banks – C144 Hundred End Lane, Hesketh Bank – U481 Boundary Lane, Hundred End and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the installation of joint bays and energise the cables to be carried out by Network Plus on behalf of Electricity North West.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/22337/EW]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15
APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
2020/0075/FUL Multi use games area at Rufford Village Hall, Flash Lane, Rufford.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2020/0117/FUL Erection of a stable building and tack room and the formation of a menage at The Old Vicarage, 1 Lord Sefton Way, Great Altcar.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development, Heritage & Environment Manager, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days* of the date of this notice quoting the application number.
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Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
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Heidi McDougall BSc (Hons), MBA Dated: 4th March 2020
Corporate Director of Place & Community PDNOT1081

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(GREENS LANE, DOWNHOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Greens Lane, Downholland from the boundary between Sefton Borough Council and Lancashire County Council for a distance of 130m in a Northerly Direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours until 1700 hours on Monday 16th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Greens Lane, Downholland – Broad Lane, Downholland – Delf Lane, Downholland – Mairscough Lane, Downhollad (into Sefton Borough) – Southport Road, Sefton Borough – Hall Lane, Sefton Borough – Eager Lane, Sefton Borough and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/20178/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(LIVERPOOL ROAD, SKELMERSDALE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Liverpool Road, Skelmersdale from West Park Close, Skelmersdale to Footpath from the Side of No 58 Liverpool Road to Railway Road, Skelmersdale.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours on Wednesday 18th March 2020 until 1500 hours on Friday 20th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic is not possible as this is a cul-de-sac.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/20179/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(F8665 DUKES WOOD LANE, UP HOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of F8665 Dukes Wood Lane, Up Holland from a point approximately 605m North West of the junction with C157 Crawford Road, Up Holland for a distance of 40m in a North Westerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative between the dates and times as detailed below:-
i. 2000 hours on Saturday 14th March 2020 until 0530 on Monday 16th March 2020
ii. 2000 hours on Saturday 21st March 2020 until 0530 on Monday 23rd March 2020
iii. 2000 hours on Saturday 28th March 2020 until 0530 on Monday 30th March 2020
or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic is not possible as this is a dead end road.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow track renewals at the level crossing to be carried out by Centurion Site Services on behalf of Network Rail.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/21570/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(ORMSKIRK ROAD, UP HOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of C157 Ormskirk Road, Up Holland from A577 Newgate Road, Up Holland for a distance of 80m in a Westerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours on Thursday 12th March 2020 until 1500 hours on Friday 13th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C157 Ormskirk Road, Up Holland – C157 Chequer Lane, Up Holland – U1141 Tower Hill Road, Up Holland – A577 Ormskirk Road, Up Holland And vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/20173/EW]

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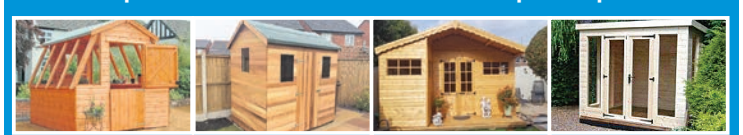

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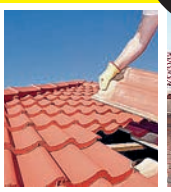

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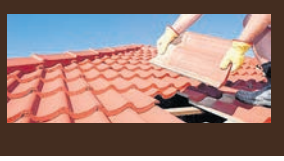

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The Geneva Motor Show has been cancelled to help contain the spread of Coronavirus

MICROSCOPIC germs have succeeded where recessions, Greta Thunberg and the interminable, crowd-repelling dullness of the Vauxhall Astra MkIII have failed. The Geneva Motor Show has been cancelled.

In a twist that seems straight out of *War of the Worlds*, Europe's big salvo of new car launches and your chance to drool over the latest Ferrari/Porsche/Bugatti has been ditched just three days before it was due to open, due to concerns over the spread of Coronavirus.

I suspect the organisers didn't especially want to axe this year's event – barely a week earlier, they held a press conference to say all those shiny car launches would be going ahead as planned – but in the end a decision by Switzerland's Federal Council to cancel any public gatherings of more than 1,000 people made the decision for them.

As a car nut it's gutting, but also a tad worrying.

It's had all sorts of immediate knock-on effects for the car industry – VW, for instance, had meticulously planned a whole series of new car reveals and facelifts for this year's show, but stepped back at the last minute and had to introduce them as part of a live stream online instead.

The European Car of the Year (the Peugeot 208, seeing as you're asking) was announced behind closed doors, presumably by a load of nervous-looking people scrolling through their smartphones for somewhere, anywhere, that sells face masks. Hyundai's latest concept car, the all-electric Prophecy, no longer has a show where people can ponder which bits will make it into production.

It's even directly impacted car production, too; Aiways was due to launch its first new SUV here next month, but because it's made in China production's been hit by the virus containment measures, and the launch has been pushed back to August.

But for me the biggest worry isn't the disease itself but what might happen should the sort of measures already being taken in France and Switzerland be carried out here.

Remember all those car shows – and all sorts of other big outdoor events, for that matter – that got cancelled during the Foot and Mouth outbreak back in 2001? Necessary, of course, but a nightmare for virtually everyone involved, particularly all the venue owners who lost out.

A repeat of that, particularly if the Government tries to contain any UK spread of the virus by banning big public gatherings, doesn't sound that far-fetched at the moment. No one's planning to cancel anything at the moment, but I'm keeping my fingers crossed for anyone who's got a big show planned over the next few months.

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly

Fifth generation of load-lugger to go on sale in the UK later this year

VOLKSWAGEN has just unveiled a new version of its Caddy van and people carrier, due to go on sale here later this year.

The fifth generation of the German load-lugger is being described by its maker as 'a smartphone on wheels' on account of its digital control systems and its inbuilt infotainment systems, and its range of TDi diesel engines are said to be kinder to the environment and more efficient than the outgoing model.

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Right: Expect the new VW Caddy to go on sale here in the UK later this year

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Morgan's new model returns to a sixties vibe

MORGAN'S just launched an all-new model – even though you might not initially notice it.

The Malvern sports car maker has styled its latest Plus Four to look similar to models going back as far as the 1960s, but under the skin it's got a new bonded aluminium structure and a BMW-sourced twin turbo engine, developing 255bhp, mated to either a six-speed manual or an eight-speed automatic. Even the name's different – Morgan's always previously called it the Plus 4, whereas now it's officially the Plus Four.

It's on sale now, with prices starting at £62,995.

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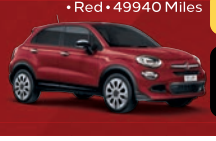

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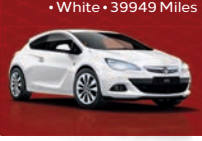

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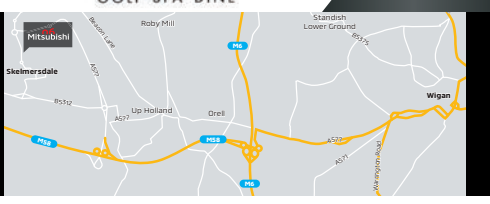

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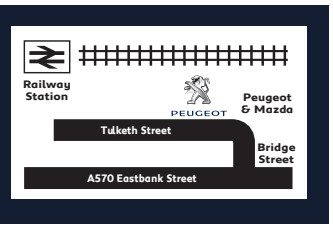

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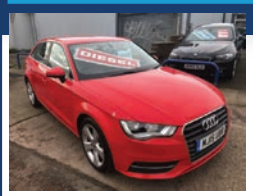

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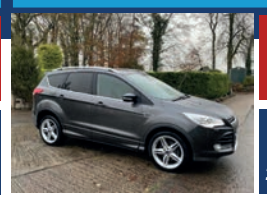

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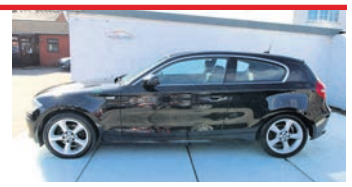

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In-form sides to be tested with visits of promotion chasers

SKELMERSDALE United and Burscough face home derby clashes this Saturday and on current form fans will hope both sides can pick up victories.

Skem will for the first time entertain Charnock Richard in a league game, while Burscough face Ashton Athletic at Victoria Park, both games kick off at 3pm.

Charnock are fourth in the North West Counties Premier Division table and Ashton Athletic are fifth, both firmly have their eyes set on places in the Northern Premier League next season.

In previous encounters Skelmersdale lost 4-0 at Charnock back in October and Burscough lost 3-1 at Ashton in January, so both away sides will start the day with the odds setters expecting an away win.

However, recent form could well play a part. Although Charnock and Ashton have both won four of their last six games, our local teams have not done too badly either.

Burscough have only lost two of their last six games and Skem have won two and drawn one of their last six.

Significantly in Skem's favour will be their 2-1 win at home to second in the table Bootle on Saturday.

It could be said that the Linnets and Skem have no reason to have an inferiority complex going into Saturday's matches.

After Saturday, Burscough then face a run of four consecutive away games, while Skem are at home on three of the next four Saturday's after the Charnock game.

There will be one change at Skelmersdale on Saturday as manager Paul McNally will be handing over the reins to his assistant Lee Donafee for the day due to a prior commitment.

Skem are 15th in the league and nine points off the drop so there is no real risk of them going down, especially as there are four sides between them and bottom-placed Hanley Town.

Skelmersdale are without a scheduled midweek match next week but Burscough face a tough one as they play away to promotion chasers Longridge Town on Wednesday, March 11.

It is a match the Linnets could take points in, as they were arguably the better of the two teams when they met at Victoria Park in a 1-1 draw at the end of January.

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15	Skelmersdale United	30	8	6	16	48	57	-9	30
16	Padiham	26	7	4	15	29	51	-22	25
17	Burscough	28	7	4	17	24	61	-37	25
18	Barnoldswick Town	24	7	3	14	36	58	-22	24
19	Litherland REMYCA	29	5	7	17	25	70	-45	22
20	Hanley Town	28	5	6	17	32	64	-32	21

The bottom six teams in the league

Skem comeback earns win over high-flying Bucks

Skelmersdale United 2
Bootle 1

SKELMERSDALE United produced an impressive comeback to beat high-flying Bootle, *writes Simon Driscoll.*

A crowd of 272 at JMO Sports Park saw Skem come from behind to win the 'M58 Derby' thanks to goals from Jordan Tyrer and Jason Carey.

Manager Paul McNally handed instant debuts to Ben Hampson and Michael Grogan who began his third United spell while Gabriel Ellis was promoted from the bench.

Bootle made a bright start and Callum Preston headed narrowly over from a corner before a run from Hodkinson saw him cross low to the far post with Barnes denying Rob Doran from having a chance to connect.

Bootle continued to threaten with Steven Jones picking out the run of Hodkinson who chipped the ball over Barnes and the bar,.

The pressure from the visitors paid off with some luck as Michael Grogan and Jack Grimshaw misjudged the bounce of the ball allowing Peers to intercept and pick his spot before rifling the ball past Barnes to make it 1-0 on 35 minutes.

Bootle could have doubled their lead before the interval as Connor Millington's free-kick was flicked on by Hodkinson forcing a superb save from Barnes and in the resulting scramble, Doran hit over the bar while sliding. Doran went closer minutes later with a curling shot which Barnes tipped away.

The final chance of the half saw Hodkinson squaring for Steven Jones who drew a point-blank save from Barnes as the visitors entered the interval ahead.

In the second half, a long throw from Alex Griffiths bounced kindly for Ben Hampson who forced a strong stop from Jones with Croughan's rebound superbly cleared off the line by Millington.

Bootle's earlier pressure resumed with a trio of chances which saw Loughlin and Hodkinson miss the target before Carberry's sliding shot was headed over by the United defence.

United brought on Richard Brodie to boost the attack and came close to an instant impact as he forced a diving stop from Jones after collecting Croughan's pass.

Skem in possession against Bootle. Picture by Neville Berkeley

United's changes did lead to success in the 70th minute as substitute Luke Holden-Moakes' corner found Brodie who in flicking across goal forced Steven Jones into a mistake which forced Millington to clear off the line into the path of captain Jordan Tyrer who headed in for 1-1.

Bootle could have regained the lead within a minute as Carberry's low cross needed just a touch from Jones to beat Barnes but the ball continued past the post.

The miss was to prove costly as United completed the turnaround on 73 minutes, a stunning cross-field pass from Holden-Moakes bounced perfectly for Carey who advanced on goal and fired past Jones to put the Blues 2-1 ahead.

Two minutes later, United's joy suffered a blow as a Jones' cross to the far post saw Peers and Barnes both go for the ball with the two colliding and the referee pointing to the spot. Peers stepped up and saw his penalty saved superbly by Barnes who protected the lead.

As the clock ticked into added time, Bootle had a great chance to level as a Carberry cross found substitute John Connelly who headed over the bar just a yard from the goal-line.

The final whistle minutes later confirmed a much needed return to winning ways for United.

Lomax and Pollard strike to boost survival hopes for Linnets

Burscough 2
Squires Gate 1

BURSCOUGH moved four points away from the relegation zone thanks to goals from Chris Lomax and Kevin Pollard, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Burscough couldn't have started the game much better and took the lead after only 75 seconds.

A defence splitting pass by youngster James Salkeld put Chris Lomax clean in on goal and one to one with away goalkeeper Jordan Gidley he slid the ball into the net.

With the wind behind them Squires Gate came forward in search of an equaliser, but Burscough looked a solid organised side as they fended off almost all the Blackpool-based side could throw at them, while looking dangerous on the counterattack.

James Boyd looked the best player for Squires Gate and he put in a 12th minute shot from 18 yards that Linnets goalkeeper Davy Jones beat away to safety.

Just after the half-hour Boyd got in off the left-wing but his shot went wide of the far post. Then on 35 minutes Squires Gate were clean in on goal but defender Mitch Kinsella produced a brilliant last ditch tackle.

The game turned and gradually Burscough started to take control and got onto the front foot.

In the 41st minute came another game changing moment when Burscough scored a crucial second goal when Kevin Pollard crashed the ball into the roof of the net from about a yard out after a freekick.

Squires Gate began the second-half facing the wind and low sunshine, they were to finish it facing the wind and the full force of Storm Jorge.

Burscough were the better team for 40 of the next 45 minutes.

Conor Christiansen had an early shot from the left that just beat the far post as Burscough went after a third goal that would surely ensure victory.

Soon afterwards from a free-kick from the right the ball fell to Luke Gibson but his shot was smothered by a dive to his left by Squires keeper Gidley.

Linnets forwards Dale Korie-Butler and Salkeld kept the visitors on the defensive for most of the half and when the visitors did break out they were getting no change out of a Burscough defence that was dominant.

As the clock ticked on Salkeld saw a shot saved by Gidley as did Gibson again.

It was only as full-time appeared on the scene that Squires Gate forced Burscough back and they won a penalty a minute into added time and it was Boyd who grabbed a goal from the spot that he personally deserved.

Burscough are not safe from relegation yet, but they have given themselves a big boost with this victory.

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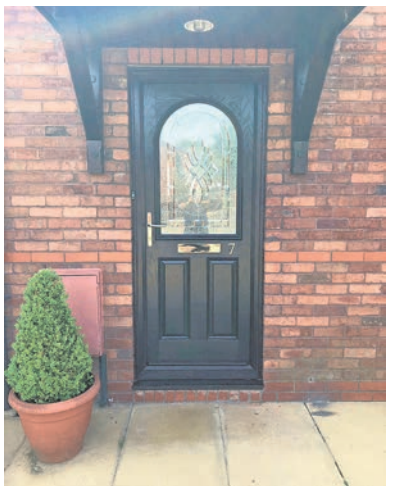

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